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'Our Hour Has Struck,' Says Pope Pius

NCCW Delivers Millionth Pound Of Clothing

Four Million Articles Gathered By Council's Affiliated Units

New York, March 29.—(NC)—The National Council of Catholic Women has given its millionth pound of clothing for relief in war-devastated areas to War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, Msgr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director of the relief agency, has announced.

Three million pounds, gathered by the Council's affiliated units, represent four million pieces of wearing apparel, predominantly for babies and children but also including large quantities of badly-needed shoes and garments of all kinds for men and women, as well as soap, towels, blankets and bedding, the agency stated.

On being congratulated by Monsignor Swanson, Mrs. Henry Mannix of Brooklyn, N.C.C.W. president, assured the priest that her organization will not slaken in the work of collecting clothing and other necessities as long as the need exists.

The million-pound figure does not include over 100 boxes of clothing donated in 1946 by Juventud Catolica Feminina Mexicana, which learned of the appeal for clothing through the N.C.C.W., and shipped clothing overseas through War Relief Services, it was pointed out here.

The Council's collection program began in the summer of 1945, and in order to tap the largest possible source of supply, the council mobilized affiliated national organizations, diocesan councils and parish groups of women.

In relating the untiring efforts of U. S. Catholic women to aid the war needy, Mrs. Mannix stated that an Ohio chapter of a national women's organization sends monthly shipments averaging well over 100 items. An affiliated organization concentrating on help for children has contributed 203 layettes containing 6,136 articles of baby clothing, one parish council in California recently contributed 1,915 pieces of clothing and 224 pairs of shoes within a three-week period.

Mrs. Mannix also expressed satisfaction that the voluntary efforts of American Catholic women are matched by those of 22,000 volun-

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Pastor Provides Airmail Letters For Urging Italians To Vote

Cleveland, Mar. 29.—(NC)—Beyond advising parishioners to write relatives in Italy urging them to vote in the coming elections, the Rev. Francis A. Cacciaccaro, pastor of St. Marian's (Italian) Church here, today distributed 500 airmail letters at the Sunday Mass.

Father Cacciaccaro requested the faithful to sign their names to the already written letters and give the name and address of a relative in Italy and the priest would send the letter. Repeating instructions given by members of Italy's Catholic Hierarchy the letter stated: "Vote at the coming elections correctly, for candidates who will offer truly sufficient guarantees for the protection of rights of God and man."

Similar letter writing drives initiated in other U. S. cities were reported to have doubled the volume of air mail to Italy in recent weeks.

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Diocesan Offerings

Your attention is called to the list of parish contributions to the War Relief Collection taken up three weeks ago. The total is considerably less than a year ago while the people of some parishes gave more than last year.

The subscription lists for *Our Sunday Visitor* are coming in well, and all of them show even better coverage than last year, when it was, generally speaking, almost 100%. Many pastors have the paper sent to people who, either because of bad marriage or other reasons, have ceased to be practical Catholics. A weekly *Visitor* into their homes, we know, must keep up the spark of faith and agitate their consciences a bit.

If the offering for Catholic Charities and the NCCW and NCCM is large enough all national parish dues of the NCCW and help for the Deanery and Diocesan units will be paid from it, as well as all the dues to the NCCM, and our diocesan Charities program will not run at a big deficit as it has in the past.

It should be unnecessary to say that at least one member in every family should have a membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which supports both Home and Foreign Missions.

After all the Bishop's explanations, the merit of the causes assisted by the Lenten effort should be well understood. The people of every diocese contribute to them and, as we have told you, pay twice as much for their diocesan paper, and five times as much for Catholic Charities. If ours appear big because they come all at one time, it must be remembered that all combined do not represent what should be the savings of every Catholic who observed Lent in the proper spirit, by staying away from movies, by denying themselves candies and other things.

Pastors who have paid the local NCCW dues for the National Council may reimburse themselves from the check they will receive when their Catholic Charities and NCCW Lenten offerings are acknowledged. Those who have not already paid such dues need not pay them, and we shall deduct the amount from the check we shall send when receipting for the Lenten offering.

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Bishops' Relief Collection

	PARISHES	SCHOOLS		PARISHES	SCHOOLS
Fort Wayne:			St. Patrick's	1,339.50	664.00
Cathedral	1,584.90	356.66	St. Paul's	757.00	100.00
Precious Blood	1,000.00		St. Peter's	2,848.00	325.00
St. Andrew's	1,192.25	375.00	Sacred Heart		
St. Hyacinth's	106.72	62.73	(New Parish)	150.00	22.50
St. John Baptist	1,537.50	124.00	Sacred Heart Seminary		10.61
St. Joseph's	330.75	40.00	St. Vincent Villa		
St. Jude's	1,010.52		Academie, St. Vincent's	357.80	
St. Mary's	1,025.00	160.00	Angola	93.00	

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Second Annual Collection For National Shrine Set For Mother's Day, May 9

BY MSGR. JOHN J. REILLY

Director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Bishops Committee for the erection of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, of which the Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, is the chairman, and Archbishop Richard F. Cushing of Boston, treasurer, has announced that the second annual collection for the Building Fund of the National Shrine will take place on Mother's Day, May 9. It has been left to the discretion of the various Bishops to take the collection up on any other day, when Mother's Day would not appear to be a good day for the collection.

It has been sought to spiritualize Mother's Day by urging the entire family to receive Holy Communion for Mother, and to make a contribution to Our Heavenly Mother that her National Shrine in Washington may soon become a reality. Last year 71 dioceses contributed over a million dollars, and the money was raised without using any special measures. Reports from a few Dioceses indicate that it will be unnecessary for the collection to be repeated.

The aim of the Committee has been to receive one dollar from every Catholic family in the United States—this would insure erection of the National Shrine.

The results of last year's collection for the National Shrine justified the judgment of the Committee in their choice of a five-year plan for the erection of the Shrine.

The year 1954 will mark the Centennial of the Definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and no doubt this anniversary will be observed throughout the Catholic world. It is the hope of the Committee that the National Shrine of the Immacu-

late Conception at the Catholic University will be ready by that time, and that a national observance of the centenary will take place there. Preliminary steps have already been taken with the Architects, and it is estimated that a whole year will be necessary for the completion of the plans.

Plans now call for the completion of the super-structure and the campanile; the interior of the upper-church to be finished later. Our Lady under her many titles will be honored in the upper-church, and the various devotions to the Mother of Christ, now popular in the United States, will be symbolized through Chapels and Altars. Several requests have already been made to reserve sections of the upper-church for Altars and Chapels.

Among the collections received to date in the campaign to complete the National Shrine are: Archdiocese of Boston, \$56,891.31; Archdiocese of Baltimore, \$56,842.30; Archdiocese of St. Louis, \$50,995.93; Archdiocese of San Francisco, \$50,020; Diocese of Brooklyn, \$41,941.85; Diocese of Fort Wayne, \$40,049.64; Diocese of Green Bay, \$30,000; Archdiocese of St. Paul, \$28,000; Diocese of Rochester, \$25,450.06; Archdiocese of New Orleans, \$25,406.11; Archdiocese of New York, \$22,683.58, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, \$22,273.26.

States Faithful Must Awake To Their Mission

No Room For Blind Credulity Towards The Enemies Of Christ

Vatican City, March 28 (Radio)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII declared today that "the great hour of the Christian conscience has struck," and he prayed that this conscience "be awakened to the full, virile appreciation of its mission" to help effect the salvation of "a human race wavering in its spiritual framework."

The Holy Father spoke to a great outpouring of the citizens of Rome, gathered in the Plaza before St. Peter's Basilica and in the streets leading to it, to receive the Sovereign Pontiff's Easter blessing "Urbi et orbi."

"Watch and pray, thus did Our Lord admonish His disciples on the Vigil of His Passion," the Holy Father said. "Watch and pray is the cry which, in the name of the Risen Saviour, we direct to you, to your and our fellow citizens, to all the faithful of the world."

Standing on the balcony above the main entrance to St. Peter's, Pope Pius told the vast multitude that he addressed them in a "moment heralding perhaps definitive and irreparable world events," and that there fell upon the assemblage "a shadow of singular gravity, a sacred sense of anticipation, a powerful spirit which, like an inner fire, sings the minds and hearts of all."

His Holiness said that in a Christian conscience fully aroused to its responsibility there is "no room for blind credulity towards those who at first proclaimed their respect for religion but then, unfortunately, show their true colors as deniers of all you hold most sacred."

"In your conscience," the Holy Father added, "there is no room for the pusillanimity, complacency and indecision of all those who in this crucial hour believe they can serve two masters. Your conscience realizes that the actuation of social justice and peace among nations can never be effected and assured if men close their eyes to the light of Christ and open their ears instead to the false words of agitators who, on the denial of Christ as God, lay the cornerstone and foundation of their program."

The Church of Rome, "which for you even more particularly is your Mother," has been "in our day publicly subjected to the most unjust attacks," Pope Pius told the citizens of the Eternal City. He said "the adversaries of the Church, blinded by passion, spare her no affront."

His Holiness said that, despite that the Church has multiplied her aid in times of danger, has "saved, welcomed and given hospitality to the persecuted of every category, even amongst her proudest enemies; has affirmed and sustained the dignity and rights of the human person and the just freedom of peoples, has provided sustenance to those menaced by starvation, has raised her voice against the evils of spreading immorality, which leads people to decadence and ruin, she is accused of being 'reactionary' and the supporter of doctrines she has condemned."

"But, though obliged as she is to deny and refute so many unjust accusations for the honor of the name of Christ, for the integrity

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Pattee Sees Spain Regaining Former Status

Fort Wayne—That Spain will regain its proper place in the family of European nations was the prediction made here Sunday night by Richard Pattee, author and lecturer, speaking at the Catholic Evidence lecture series at Central Catholic High School.

"You can't build a strong Western Europe," Mr. Pattee said, "without this strong nation of 26,000,000 vital Spaniards."

Mr. Pattee, who traveled in Spain in 1947 and is now home for a month's lecture tour, pointed out that the world's attitude toward Spain has changed noticeably in the last six months. He said the reason for this is that countries of Western Europe now realize they need Spain's support.

The speaker pointed out that Spain has done more to stop communism than any other European nation.

"The Spanish people looked

Marxism right in the eye and turned it down," he declared.

Mr. Pattee said the people of Spain now realize that they're not as bad off as they thought they were. Pressure from the outside has strengthened the Franco Government, he said.

He said the Spaniards prefer to keep Franco's regime. The people will not return to republicanism because the republic they knew was anarchy and mob rule, and they won't return to a monarchy form of government because the monarch's stipulations are not acceptable, he said.

Valparaiso K. C. Set Founder's Week Program

Valparaiso — Next week is Founders' Week in Knights of Columbus circles and Valparaiso Council No. 738 is climaxed the period of celebration with a banquet at Hotel Lembke on Sunday, April 4. The Supreme Council of the fraternity is observing its 66th anniversary, and Valparaiso Council was granted its charter 45 years ago.

The Rev. Michael J. Campagna, pastor of Immaculate Conception church, East Chicago, and founder of "Hoosier Town," will give the main address. Located at Schererville, Ind., in Lake county, "Hoosier Town" was dedicated July 27, 1947, as a home for underprivileged boys. Father Campagna calls his place "The boys' community that kindness built," and it is established upon the principles of friendliness, kindness and education.

George M. Kinzel, of Gary, past state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, will serve as toastmaster. Also listed on the speaking program are the Rev. F. X. Guerre, pastor of St. Mark's church, Gary; the Rev. Raymond G. Derrick, pastor of St. Paul's church, Valparaiso, and the Rev. John C. Witte, assistant pastor of St. Paul's, and chaplain of Valparaiso Council.

An invitation was extended to State Deputy W. J. Mallon of Michigan City, but he will be unable to attend because of illness. Maurice J. Quinn of Munster, district deputy, will represent the First District.

The affair is open to Valparaiso Knights of Columbus members and their wives or women friends.

K. Of C. To Place Advertising In Two More Magazines

New Haven, Conn., March 22.—(NC) — The Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, will expand its program of Catholic advertising to include Household Magazine, beginning in May, and Liberty, starting in June, it was announced here.

The series of six advertisements currently appearing in The American Weekly and Pathfinder will reach an audience of 2,030,515 through Household Magazine, 80 percent of whose circulation is in towns with a population of less than 25,000, officials stated. Liberty's circulation is put at 1,570,469.

The decision of the Knights to expand the advertisements to new audiences was based on the satisfactory results from the first four messages of the series, they said. Requests for booklets offered in these advertisements had totaled 25,712 by mid March. Even more impressive was the application of 1,647 readers for Catholic instruction by mail. These reports indicated that one out of every 16 requesting a booklet is enrolling for religious instruction.

Brownson Society To Meet March 30

Fort Wayne.—The March meeting of the Orestes A. Brownson society will take place Tues., March 30th, 8 p.m., in the Knights of Columbus building. Essayist will be August J. Wiegand. His topic will be, "The Answer to Communism." (a) Information; (b) Organization; (c) Action; (d) Social Justice. Regular discussion period will follow.

Martin Greven New Advertising Manager Of OSV



Huntington—Martin E. Greven, Fort Wayne advertising man, has been named advertising manager for Our Sunday Visitor. Mr. Greven succeeds Ralph Giber, who directed the advertising for O.S.V. for the last 23 years.

Mr. Giber now is associated with C. D. Bertollet, Inc., in Chicago, national advertising representative for Our Sunday Visitor.

Formerly affiliated as account executive with Louis E. Wade, Inc., advertising agency in Fort Wayne, Mr. Greven attended Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne and St. Joseph's College, Collegeville. He has been engaged in the advertising business for the last 11 years.

Mr. Greven is a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, the Forum Club and Lions Club of Fort Wayne. He also is publicity director for the Allen County Cancer Society.

Mr. Greven lives in New Haven, where he is a member of St. John the Baptist Church. He is married and has one daughter.

Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club Names Kearns President

Fort Wayne—Bernard T. Kearns was re-elected president of the Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club at the annual meeting in the Hotel Indiana.

Other officers elected were Harry J. Humbrecht, vice-president; Thomas J. O'Reilly, secretary, and Robert E. Centlivre, treasurer.

The following were elected as directors: Paul E. Sagstetter, Robert K. Gordon, Bernard M. Niezer and Edward J. Disser.

Harry G. Hogan, national president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, addressed the club members, speaking on the Notre Dame Foundation.

Brother Angelus Dolan Observes 60th Year In Congregation At N. D.

Notre Dame, Ind.—Brother Angelus Dolan, C.S.C., oldest living member of the Brothers of Holy Cross, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his final vows at the Community House, Notre Dame, March 19. Very Rev. Albert F. Cousineau, C.S.C., Superior General, presided at the solemn ceremony at which was read a special blessing of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Brother Angelus was born in Manchester, England, in 1863, came to Notre Dame in June, 1882, and entered the novitiate August 15, 1882, the year the Golden Dome was erected over the central part of the Main Building. Following his novitiate, he taught some years in the Minims Department at Notre Dame before being assigned by Father Sorin as New England representative of The Ave Maria, well-known Catholic weekly published at Notre Dame, a position he held for forty or more years. He also travelled extensively in the interest of the magazine in Australia, Canada, and Newfoundland. Until he retired two years ago, he served as Guest Master at the University of Notre Dame for almost fifteen years.

Brother Angelus is one of the few living members of the Congregation of Holy Cross who knew Father Edward Sorin who with six Brothers of Holy Cross founded the University of Notre Dame in 1842.

'Hour Of St. Francis' Over WOWO Mar. 28

Fort Wayne — The opening chapter of "The Dry Wood," an outstanding inspirational novel by Caryl Houslander, lends itself to vivid dramatization on "The Hour of St. Francis," at 9:45 p.m. Easter Sunday over Station WO-WO. In "The Last Sermon," Timothy Green, a young American journalist in London, arrives in a dock district to find the atmosphere charged with tension. The usually apathetic people are strangely elated. He learns upon inquiry that their pastor, Father Malone, has just died. The people revel in flashes of conversation the story of the priest's life. In 50 years of service, Father Malone had given them every good thing, material and spiritual, from shoes to the Last Sacraments.

Universal Notre Dame Night April 5

Notre Dame, Ind.—Academic, cultural, patriotic and religious achievements of the University of Notre Dame will be featured in the observance of the twenty-fifth annual Universal Notre Dame Night to be celebrated Monday, April 5, in nearly 100 communities throughout the United States, by more than 20,000 Notre Dame alumni.

Center of the 1948 observance of Universal Notre Dame Night will be in Philadelphia, Pa., home of the founder of the celebration, the late John Neeson, a graduate of Notre Dame, in 1903. Mr. Neeson, who died in 1945, was Philadelphia director of Public Works for Philadelphia for many years.

The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame, will be the main speaker at the Philadelphia observance. Other principal speakers there will be Dr. Clarence E. Manion, Dean of the College of Law at Notre Dame; Frank W. Leahy, Head Football Coach and Director of Athletics at the University; James E. Armstrong, Alumni Secretary at Notre Dame; and Harry G. Hogan, Chairman of the Notre Dame Foundation.

Outstanding civic leaders and prominent figures in the fields of business, science, religion and education in the Philadelphia area will be in attendance at the central observance. The celebration in Philadelphia will be carried on the Mutual Broadcasting System from 10:30 to 11 p.m. (EST), and will be televised over the Eastern network of the National Broadcasting Company.

Elsewhere in the United States, Notre Dame alumni clubs in all principal cities will sponsor programs to join the observance of Universal Notre Dame Night and

will hear speeches by various administrative officials and faculty members of the University of Notre Dame.

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Pictured with Monsignor August Fussenegger, Director of Catholic Charities and NCCW Moderator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, are six prominent ladies of Indiana who will take an active part in the first provincial convention of the State NCCW in Indianapolis, April 17 and 18. Msgr. Fussenegger is serving as coordinator; Mrs. Turner, Greensburg, NCCW Provincial Director; Mrs. Dober, Aurora, Archdiocesan NCCW president; Mrs. Brady, Lafayette Diocesan NCCW president; Mrs. Browning, Evansville Diocesan NCCW president, and Mrs. Sahn and Mrs. Lex, Evansville, speakers.

"Religion in the Home" has been selected as the convention theme. Delegates from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Lafayette and Evansville will attend the meeting. The program will be centered at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul and the auditorium. Four board meetings are scheduled on Friday, April 16.

The Voice of the N.C.C.W

A Weekly Message From Deanery Leaders To The Deanery Members

Diocesan Publicity

Mrs. Wm. F. Black

Parish Chairmen have recently received two forms for completing and returning to their respective Deanery Presidents. May we urge you to comply with this request.

Provincial Convention—Deanery Presidents will you please be responsible for registration, luncheon reservations and money returns, which are to be sent to Mrs. John O'Harrow, 902 N. Chester street, Indianapolis, Indiana, not later than April 12th. Please return all unused tickets as soon as possible, but not the badges.

Hotels near the Cathedral High School where the sessions are to be held are the Antlers, Grayllyn and Sheffield.

Hotels and Rates in Indianapolis

GRAYLYNN, 1043 N. Pennsylvania St.—Double Rooms \$4.00; Group Rooms \$8.00.

SHEFFIELD, 958 N. Pennsylvania St.—Single Rooms \$3.00 to \$5.00; Twin Beds \$5.00 to \$7.00.

RILEY, 155 W. Sixteenth St.—Single Rooms \$3.50; Double Rooms \$4.50; Group Rooms \$9.00.

LINCOLN, 117 W. Washington St.—Single Rooms \$4.00; Double Rooms \$6.00 to \$6.50; Twin Beds \$7.00 to \$7.50.

WASHINGTON, 34 W. Washington St.—Single Rooms \$3.00 to \$4.00; Double Rooms \$4.50 to \$8.50.

CLAYPOOL, 14 N. Illinois St.—Single Rooms \$4.00 to \$6.00; Double Rooms \$6.00 to \$8.50; Twin Beds \$7.00 to \$7.50.

The Convention Bureau suggests that the members writing in for reservations are sure to mention the name of our organization; if there is no room available when their letter arrives, the hotel will contact Mrs. Mary J. Gallagher, 5414 East Tenth St., Indianapolis, Indiana, so that she may obtain reservations for them in another hotel. She in turn will inform the ladies as to their reservations. This will save time and extra writing for all concerned.

Michigan City Deanery

Mrs. John Barnes

Annual St. Patrick's day party of the Catholic Woman's Study club, Michigan City, took place March 18 in the home of Mrs. J. J. Trant, Jr.

The next meeting will be April 1 in the home of Mrs. J. V. Kerrigan. Guest speaker will be Rudolph M. Hart, who will talk on "Music."

Plans to send a high school girl to the School of Catholic Action in Chicago sometime in August, were discussed at the meeting of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception PTA, unit of NCCW, in Marquette hall this week. Mrs. Joseph Root presided at the meeting.

The organization decided to outfit a child for first holy communion and also planned for a penny supper on April 15. The affair will be open to the public.

Mrs. Leroy Michaels, health chairman, reported that 81 students from Junior and Senior classes were X-rayed on Tuesday in the survey being conducted by the LaPorte County Tuberculosis Association.

Election of officers will be April 20, the next meeting.

Mothers of World War II, Inc., Polish unit 157, unit of NCCW, met Friday evening following luncheon services, in St. Stanislaus hall. Each member brought gifts for an Easter box to be sent to Veterans hospital, Marion. Reports on the district convention followed and a social hour ended the meeting.

Sandpipers quartet presented a musical program at a meeting of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception CYO March 19 in Marquette hall. Featured on the program was the Rev. Ambrose Mc-

Coming Events

Fort Wayne

April 9—Catholic Business Women's Club, benefit party, St. Paul Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Gary

April 4—Old Timers' Easter Dance, Alerding House, 8 to 12, cabaret style, refreshments. Proceeds for boys sports program.

Ginnity who sang several Irish songs. The Drama Guild of the group practiced a play entitled "Feature Story."

Gary Deanery

Mrs. Howard E. Carlson

The Social Action Committee, under the direction of Mrs. John F. Jones, Diocesan Chairman, is preparing a panel discussion to be presented at the Provincial conference at Indianapolis, April 17th, as the Fort Wayne Diocesan part of the program.

The discussion will include the following topics: 1. "Women's Absence From the Home." 2. "Duty of Catholic Women to Take Part in Public Life," and "Field of Activities for Women in Civic and Political Life."

Those taking part in the discussion are Mrs. Joan MacIsaac, Deanery Social Action Chairman, Miss Rose Schmal, Deanery Discussion Club chairman, Mrs. Alex D. Torie, Organization; Miss Nettie Barman, fourth district spiritual activities chairman and Mrs. Matthew Tetek, Diocesan Auditor.

South Bend Deanery

Mrs. Wm. F. Black

The annual election meeting for the South Bend Deanery has come and gone! The history of the Deanery is slowly being recorded as the years pass by. President and officers, succeed previous ones and the alumni of past officers of the Deanery is growing into an imposing number. Each person has contributed her share to the growth of the organization not forgetting, of course, our most capable chairmen who serve as the queen bees each succeeding year.

This year we have two new officers and two who have served one year and are eligible to serve again. The new officers include: President, Mrs. C. Robert Egry; Recording Secretary, Miss Florence Parsons; the Treasurer, Miss Marie Kleinkoff and the Auditor, Mrs. O. C. Metcalfe will serve one more year. These officers will be installed at the regular June meeting. The officers serving now will continue through the June meeting. The usual Holy Hour was conducted at St. Patrick's Church and the Rev. Geo. Baxter, C.S.C., served as celebrant. The Rev. Wendell P. Corcoran was host pastor and Mrs. J. Ruff acted as hostess.

The program for the March meeting was very well planned. It featured the Social Action Department which includes Social Action Study, Immigration and Americanization, Legislation, Co-operating with Catholic Charities, and the N.C.S.S.S.

Miss Jane Flavin, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Charities Office in South Bend, explained the purpose and function of the office here. Copies of the dedication poem were distributed which was composed by Miss Marion Seton Craig, a graduate of the National Catholic School of Social Service.

Mrs. Mary Gardner, Legislation chairman, called attention to the fact that the National Knights of Columbus Organization co-operated in opposing the passing of the Equal Rights Amendment. A special feature of the afternoon was a talk by a Notre Dame student, a pupil of the Rev. W. Cunningham, C.S.C., who has chosen as his especial interest in Social Action work, the furthering of the cause of the Mexican immigrant into our country. He has lived and studied among the people of Mexico and sees a great need for understanding and appreciating their predicament and their mode of life and especially their religious life. He mentioned the baptisms, marriages, and the great number who receive these sacraments of the church intermittently and oftentimes never receive them all. The hardships which they undergo in their everyday living can be appreciated more when presented by a friend such as Tom Murray is proving to be. Because of his work and interest in the Mexican people here, he was called to the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, where he has accomplished much.

The Deanery will sponsor a dinner for all South Bend and friends on Saturday evening, April 17th at the Harrison Hotel at Indianapolis, when the Deanery will charter a bus for the trip, to the Indianapolis, the Dioceses of Fort on that date. Anyone interested in taking the bus and attending the dinner should contact Mrs. J. A. Tansey, 3-8556 not later than March 31st. She can give you the approximate price of the trip and the dinner. This will afford an opportunity for all people of the Deanery to get together in a group and also to enjoy an appetizing dinner.

Welfare League

Meets At St. Jude's

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Women's Welfare League held an Easter Party Wednesday night at St. Jude's Auditorium. Mrs. Frank Carroll served as general chairman of the celebration. Mrs. C. E. McBride is president of the league.

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Dr. F. J. Brown Serra Club Speaker April 9

South Bend, Ind.—Dr. Francis J. Brown, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Notre Dame, will be the principal speaker at the first April meeting of the South Bend Serra Club at 12:10 p.m., Friday April 9, in the Coral Room of the Hotel LaSalle.

Dr. Brown, who is an authority on the Papal Encyclicals, will speak on "Catholic Social Doctrines." A graduate of the Catholic University of America, Dr. Brown has been at Notre Dame since 1946 after serving as a special consultant in the Army during World War II. He is the author of a new series on the social encyclicals of the Popes which has been widely acclaimed among business and professional men, educators and the clergy.

J. Frank Miles, local business man who is Acting Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Serra Club, and Edward V. Minszeski, Deputy Prosecutor of St. Joseph County who is Secretary of the Club, are still receiving applications for membership from Catholic business and professional men in this area interested in joining the South Bend Serra Club. Mr. Miles can be contacted at 1405 McKinley Street, South Bend (Tel. 4-1344), and Mr. Minszeski at 444 South Bendix Drive (Tel. 2-4891).

Cathedral Sanctuary Remodeled

Fort Wayne—The remodeling of the sanctuary at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has been completed. Each side of the sanctuary has been recessed and the side altars of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph have been moved back 20 feet. The new sections are 14 feet high.

The panelling has been carved to duplicate the other on the walls and choir stalls. The improvements have reduced the size of the clergy sacristy on the south side of the Cathedral, and the servers sacristy on the north side.

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From Communism to Catholicism



Pictured with his daughter Rowena, at their home in Wimbledon, England, is Douglas A. Hyde, news editor of the London "Daily Worker," who, with his wife have renounced their membership in the Communist Party and will join the Catholic Church. Mr Hyde has been a Communist for 20 of his 38 years. His action recalls that of Louis F. Budenz, who resigned as editor of the New York "Daily Worker" in 1945 to return to the Catholic Church. AP. (NC Photos)

Rural Life

April News Letter

New Neighbors — Just Moved. Things were uprooted. Dishes were packed. Valuable things just hauled around like wholesale loose grain! Tired homeless and fretful! Yes, March was moving time for so many. The house is still strange and many in your new community and neighborhood still look at the new neighbors through the sides of their eyes. But there was the star of Bethlehem. It was the one family who really came to call on you as you moved in. The wife brought your family a hot dish and the husband came with his tractor and pulled you out as you mired with your furniture off the main highway. You'll love to remember that fine couple as long as you live. That is Charity and Religion! Yes, throw a neighborhood party and make the new family, just moved in, the honored guests and take them into your circle of living in the neighborhood!

Do you know? 190 Short Course Students obtained certificates from Purdue University in an eight weeks course in agriculture. Mr. Charles Huff of Porter County, in the Fort Wayne Diocese, won the general agricultural award. Mr. James Ayres of Lake County in our Diocese won the high honors in its dairy manufacturing school. All first place winners were former

members in 4-H Clubs in their counties. We loudly ask that every land-living parish in our diocese send at least one youth to the annual eight weeks Purdue Agricultural school next January. We ask every Holy Name society to really make this a project and come through with it. Catholics need rural lay leaders.

School Officials: Rapid transit changes toward school reorganization in the land living communities are in the air. We remind you that you have a right to hang on to the old and tried methods until you are convinced that the new are better.

Votes: Better follow the Illinois method and have the town and the rural votes counted separately—so that neither group can vote in the other, without consent of the other. We praise indeed Dr. Lindstrum, professor of rural Sociology at Illinois University—that every school should have a patron representative on the advisory Committee.

Secondly no school should be closed without favorable vote of its people.

Eggless Days: Eggs formerly sold at 38 cents a dozen when corn to feed the hens cost 50 cents a bushel. Today eggs sell at 38 cents per dozen (March) and feed costs have gone up four times. Eggs should sell at \$1.52 per dozen today instead of 38 cents, according to feed costs. Sell your hens, as the feed cost are higher than the sale of eggs.

High Pressure Racketeers: Some subscription agents claim "Patriotism" in schemes to collect money from you for veterans. Don't let them raise your \$10.00 check to \$40.00. Get their license number. Take a good look at these agents. Write down the names they are using and their description of person so you won't forget.

Cheap Alfalfa Seed: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture advised against cheap shrunken alfalfa seed. It's not cheap if it has low germination in planting. Agronomists warn against ever planting cheap or inferior seed.

National Catholic Rural Life Conference is busy with members of the Senate Committee on Forestry and Agriculture. Our National Land Policy should conserve land resources and the land living family. Soil Conservation should be kept in a unified program in an overall agency. Conservation payments should be kept separate from economic assistance to tillers of the land. Soil conservation district programs should be retained.

"Man's Relation To The Land": Have you read it? It's a statement

Twenty-Fifth Notre Dame Night April 5

Notre Dame, Ind.—The thoughts of many Americans will be focused Monday night, April 5 on the University of Notre Dame as more than 20,000 Notre Dame alumni and their friends gather together at special meetings in 100 cities throughout the nation in observance of the twenty-fifth annual Universal Notre Dame Night.

Universal Notre Dame night, which now has been adopted on a national scale in the United States and in several foreign countries, was founded by the late John H. Neeson, a graduate of Notre Dame in 1903 and former Director of Public Works in Philadelphia, to pay tribute to the academic, spiritual, patriotic, cultural and other ideals of Notre Dame.

The key celebration of the 1948 observance of Universal Notre Dame Night will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., where the program will be aired from 10:30 to 11 p. m. (EST) over the Mutual Broadcasting System and will be televised from 9:30 to 10 p. m. (EST) over the Eastern network of the National Broadcasting Company. Highlighting the ceremony in Philadelphia will be speeches by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame; Dr. Clarence E. Manion, Dean of the College of Law at the University; Harry G. Hogan, President of the Notre Dame Alumni Association; James E. Armstrong, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association; and Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Frank W. Leahy.

Centered around the national celebration from Philadelphia will be observances by local Notre Dame alumni clubs in principal cities all over the United States. Programs in many of these observances will feature talks by administrative officials and faculty members of Notre Dame.

University Of Notre Dame Night At Fort Wayne April 5

Fort Wayne—The 25th anniversary of Universal Notre Dame night will be observed by the Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club on Monday night, April 5, at the Hotel Van Orman.

Dr. Lawrence H. Baldinger, dean of the College of Science of the University of Notre Dame, will be the speaker. Dr. Baldinger's address, which will stress Notre Dame's activities in the field of science, will be preceded by a dinner.

Newly-elected officers and the newly-elected board of governors will be installed.

The formal program will be followed by cabaret dancing. Notre Dame alumni, former students, their wives and friends will attend the events.

of principles which shall underlie our National-State and Individual action and is presented by Catholics-Jews and Non-Catholics of America.

Orchids of Diocesan Catholic Rural Life Conference to the Provincial NCCW Convention, set for Indianapolis on April 17 and 18. May better rural living also be included on its fine program!

Land Living D.P.'s: How many war back-wash D.P.'s can you place in your parish area? Many D.P.'s are professional soil experts.—Father H. J. Miller, Diocesan Director, Rural Life Conference.

Bishop Bennett To Open College 'Freedom Series'

Rensselaer, Ind.—An address by the Most Rev. John G. Bennett, Catholic bishop of Lafayette, will open a series of talks at St. Joseph's College, April 7, under the general title of "American Freedom Series."

According to the Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, president of the college, the series is being presented to the St. Joseph's student body as an answer to the challenge of Communism in American education and in the American community.

Bishop Bennett's address will be followed at later dates by leading personalities in industry, journalism, radio, advertising, medicine, research and government.

"We hope these talks will form two very necessary services," Father Lucks said. "First, they must help all of us to better understand and appreciate what is in America means; secondly, to bring students some clear-cut career previews by successful men in various fields."

British Aid German Students

London, March 29.—(NC)—Students placed food, clothing, pencils, books and stationery in the sanctuary of St. Anselm's Church, Kingsway, London, during a special Mass offered for students of Muenster University, Germany. After the service the students of members of the Union of London Catholic Students, packed the gifts into parcels and mailed them to Germany.

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Their Prejudices Are Wholly Unfounded

Editors' Chats With Readers

Dear Readers:

YOU have been reading in the daily press and hearing over the radio that our State Department is considerably worried about Italy's fate after the April 18 elections, because of the strength of the Communist Party, and the pressure brought on it by Russia and Yugoslavia to become extremely active and, through every means of propaganda, to deceive the Italian people.

We believe we can read your mind as wondering how Communism could succeed in a country which is ninety-nine per cent Catholic and where every one of them should know what the position of the Church is towards Communism. Is there an answer which might dispel this wonderment on your part?

There are several quite good answers, among them:

(1) Communist organizations have been instructed to avoid using the word "Communism" in Italy, and to refer to themselves as "Progressive Democrats."

(2) Communism in Italy, as in France, has had control of Labor, and members of the Party who are in conversation with non-members every day at their place of work insist that there is no conflict between Communism and the Catholic religion. In fact, Party members tell non-Party members that they should go to church better and attend the Sacraments more frequently. This, to the average worker, looks like encouragement of the Catholic faith rather than hostility towards it.

(3) Italians had had a totalitarian regime for more than twenty years in Mussolini's Fascism. Since propaganda has made the word "Fascism" an odious term, the Italian people are told that the Christian Democratic Party is "Fascist."

(4) Russia tells the Italian people through her propaganda organs in Italy, and through all Party members, that it was the United States and not Russia which wrought such destruction from the air on Monte Casino and on the northern cities of Italy. It is very true that Russians did no bombing in Italy, but it is also true that Rome itself would probably have been destroyed had not the United States and Britain instructed the air force not to drop any bombs on that city.

(5) The Italians are told that it is inconceivable that the United States would donate billions of dollars to reconstruction work in Italy and other countries if its hidden purpose was not to get control of all of Europe. There is much talk in Italy about "American Imperialism."

But, you might ask, has not the Holy Father, and practically

Who Are Un-American? A 'Yes' Answer To Nine Questions Determines It

REPORTING a conversation with members of the Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on March 7, 1947, the Rev. Gerald G. Walsh, S.J., of Fordham, said:

"At that time everyone in America was discussing the Supreme Court decision in the matter of the New Jersey Bus Bill. Naturally, our talk turned in that direction. At the beginning, I think, practically every member of the Faculty took it for granted that among the Supreme Court Justices the minority of four were far more American than the majority of five. At the end of the meal, however, they had all changed their minds. All I did was to ask a series of very simple questions: I asked, first, is every American child in a parochial school, an American citizen? Second, is every American citizen equally entitled to the benefits of American welfare legislation? Third, has every American parent the

right to choose a non-public school for the education of his children? Fourth, is that quite certain in virtue of a Supreme Court Decision in 1925? Fifth, was the original and, therefore, authentically American school in this country one which, like the parochial schools, taught 'knowledge, morality and religion'? Sixth, was the kind of school we introduced in the thirties and forties of last century a break in the American tradition? Seventh, is not secularism, which is as dogmatic in denying God's role in life as Catholicism is dogmatic in affirming it, just as sectarian as Catholicism? Eighth, in so far as dogmatic secularists are seeking to get control of all public funds for American schools, are they not, in effect, trying to establish the religion of secularism as an exclusive and national establishment? Ninth, is not such an attempt a violation of the First Amendment? "Who, then, are un-American, the Catholics or the Laicists?" "They all laughed. And so long as people can laugh at the end of a rational discussion, democracy, I think, is not in danger."

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Catholics Taught Not To Hate But Love All Persons

Nearly All Approve Principle Of Separation Of Church And State

DR PAUL HUTCHINSON, editor of The Christian Century, addressing the New York State Pastors' Convocation at Syracuse on February 13, after pointing out that the Catholic Church was spiritually strong, capable of producing saints, and that "the things that unite Protestants and Catholics are so much more important than the things which divide them," began to discuss such matters on which, he thought, Protestants and Catholics are at variance. Let us comment on some of his remarks, paragraph by paragraph:

Hutchinson: "American Protestantism believes in the separation of Church and State. We may have trouble on occasion defining just what that involves, but we believe the principle is important."

Editor: American Catholicism also believes in the separation of Church and State, and, we believe, has more definite ideas concerning just what that involves.

Hutchinson: "We believe it has proved its worth to both Church and State over and over again in the history of the Republic."

Editor: We assume that he means that the principle of separation "has proved its worth." Catholics would also subscribe to that utterance, unless Dr. Hutchinson understands it to imply a divorce between religion and the state. From the beginning statesmen have been wont to call the United States "Christian." But that would not be true if the Republic did not give encouragement to religion, even religious education.

Hutchinson: "Those of us who believe that the crisis of our time requires mankind to move ahead from the period of separate national sovereignties to the era of world government must come to see that the separation of Church and State is the only possible status for religion under a world state."

Editor: The idea of one Christian world is not new to the Catholic. His Church understood the words of Her Founder, "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. XXVIII, 19), "Preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark XVI, 15) to mean "making the Church co-extensive with the world." For one thousand years what was reputed to be "the civilized world" was Christian and Catholic. Of course, there could be no State Church under a union of all nations as presently constituted—divided among Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants, Jews, Moslems, and the pagan Orientals.

Hutchinson: "There is a liberal Catholic wing that agrees to the separation of Church and State; and supports the principle of tolerance which, if adopted for the Roman Catholic Church as a whole would make cooperation with Protestantism possible."

Editor: There is not only a "liberal Catholic wing that agrees to the separation of Church and State," but practically all Catholics in the United States, including Bishops, priests and laity, support separation in the United States. If Dr. Hutchinson would carry his idea beyond the United States, he would find that Protestants were chiefly the ones who opposed "separation of Church and State." They had a State Church in Germany, the birthplace of Lutheranism, and have it today in the Scandinavian countries of Sweden,

With Faith We Can Laugh At Death

BY THE
REV. RICHARD GINDER

TO millions of people here in our own country, death is a horrible word. It's the ghost, the spectre haunting their shows and banquets, their business and their diversion. They have no faith, you see. For them, death is the

end or, at most, the great perhaps.

In some circles it is considered almost bad taste to bring up the subject of death in any but a joking or facetious way. Some poets and philosophers have touched on the subject occasionally, as if to offer some sort of comfort—

if they can—to a doomed people. Some of their efforts are beautiful. You've heard of "whistling in the dark"? Well, a man can whistle some pretty good tunes when he's trying to hide the fact that he's scared. Here's something of the sort from the pen of Rupert Brooke:

"Mid youth and song, feasting and carnival.

"Through laughter, through the roses, as of old,

"Comes Death, on shadowy and relentless feet,

"Death, unappeasable by prayer or gold;

"Death is the end, the end.

"Proud, then laughing, go to greet 'Death, as a friend!' (From Second Best).

But why greet a killer as a friend? If the only role of death is to throttle life, to put an end to the laughter, if death is nothing more than a grim reaper, the heartless murderer of innocent children as well as of father and mothers, I'd like to know what's so friendly about it, or why we should survey the situation "proud, clear-eyed, and laughing."

We Are All Under Sentence of Death

There's fright beneath that bravado. The fact is that we are all under sentence of death. Every baby is born with the bullet in its heart, the condemnation expressed in God's words to Adam, the penalty of that first sin: "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

How are we to face this universal killer, this public enemy No. 1? What's to be our attitude? Shall we laugh with Rupert Brooke

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COMMUNIST DOMINATED COUNTRIES



Although Communist Party members represent only a small percent of the total population in these countries, the Communists are in control.

Committee to Stop World Communism

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Washington Letter Religion Given Last Place In U.S. Zone In Germany

Moscow Radio Attacks On Austria Raise Fears For Nation's Future

BY J. J. GILBERT

Washington, March 29.—Religion ranks well under music—in fact, it is in last place—in the elementary schools and does not even rate mention on the secondary school level, according to priorities for textbook production now in force in the U.S. zone of Germany. Publication of this policy in Bavaria recently has sharpened the current controversy between German education officials and the military government. The Germans have adduced this under-emphasis of religion as confirmation of their arguments against the proposed school reform sought by U.S. authorities in Bavaria.

The controversial document is entitled "Policy Production Priorities in the Field of Textbook Publishing." It was promulgated in Berlin in the name of the Chief of the Education and Religious Affairs Branch, Dr. Richard T. Alexander, formerly of Teachers College, New York. Addressed to the Publications Control Branch, it sets norms to regulate the allotment of paper for the printing of textbooks. For the elementary school level the priorities are listed in this order: Reading, Heimatkunde (developed from the point of view of civics), Health and Safety Education, Natural Sciences, Geography and History, Music, German language, Arithmetic, and Religion. For the secondary school level, religion is not even mentioned in a list of nine categories, the last three of which are mathematics, ancient languages and arts.

The German educational leaders, headed by Dr. Alois Hundhammer, Bavarian Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, have charged that American educational policy is essentially secularistic. It is asserted that the educational advisers of General Clay include the former director of a Berlin Marxian school. Recently leading Bavarians, including His Eminence Michael Cardinal Faulhaber, assailed the proposed school reform now being urged by the Americans as an unwarranted intrusion upon the culture of a conquered people.

American officials deny any religious significance in the priorities policy, stating that the list is only a gauge of relative textbook need, arising out of the fact that most books of the Nazi era have had to be banned. The priorities, they assert, make no pretense at implying relative importance and the Bavarians are raising a religious issue where none exists, for the sole purpose of obstructing the school reform program of the occupation authorities.

On their part, the Bavarian leaders contend that this does not meet the issue. The fact that there may be relatively more textbooks on religion than on any particular secular subject (because religious textbooks did not have to be denazified), does not mean that there are enough textbooks on religion and that no more need be printed. But even if it were allowed, they contend, that there is need for fewer religious textbooks than for some other kinds on the elementary school level, there is no allocation at all made for textbooks on religion on the secondary school level. Whether or not it was intended by those responsible in the Occupation authority, the attempt to fix a priority list for textbook paper did create an impression of secularism that is foreign to Bavaria as a whole, and

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represented an unwarranted invasion of its long-established culture.

It has not gone unnoticed in this country that Austria has been receiving a great deal of attention lately in Soviet Russian radio broadcasts. It has been a part of Moscow strategy to unleash furious blasts against neighboring countries before dragging them behind the "iron curtain."

Russian broadcasts heard in this country have already made such charges as these: that the United States is seeking to make Austria a colony; that the Americans are trying to consolidate the forces of reaction in Austria; that the American "colonizers" are purveying "anti-Soviet rumors and inventions." Russian broadcasts have purported to quote a Vienna periodical as saying the Austrian Government is playing along with the Western Powers in putting off the conclusion of the Austrian peace treaty, and that the Austrian Government "wants to continue to rule under their wing and carry on with cheating the people."

In a radio broadcast delivered in the French-controlled zone of Austria, Franz Graf, Assistant to the Austrian Chancellor for Public Relations, said that "no sensible person will blame the Austrian Government for the fact that the country is in a precarious economic position," and that "to propagate this lie has been the privilege of the communists, who have ceased to be or to act as Austrians a long time ago."

"Those hangers-on of the small group of communist gravediggers of their own country would experience a terrible awakening if ever the communists were to come to power," he declared.

Chamberlin Emphasizes Russia's Policy

Notre Dame, Ind.—The United States must emphasize to the Soviet Union that further Soviet advances will be resisted by force, William H. Chamberlin, noted journalist and authority on Russia, declared Tuesday, March 23, in an address before the students of the Department of Journalism at the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Chamberlin, associate editor of the "New Leader" and former foreign correspondent in Russia, told the students that the United States cannot keep retreating from the Soviets. "Communist philosophy teaches the Soviets that they will win in the end," the editor stressed, "and if we let them know that they cannot advance further at this time without using force, Russia will halt and wait for a depression or some other disaster to weaken the United States."

Commenting on the Soviet Union's ability to wage war, Mr. Chamberlin explained: "Russia built most of her tanks and ammunition in her own factories during World War II. If the Soviets could fight the Germans full-scale for four years, they could probably put a well-equipped fighting force on the field today."

"But Russia will not pursue a shooting war for various reasons: (1) great manpower losses in World War II; (2) great devastation of country in World War II; (3) danger of unrest in satellite countries; (4) lack of naval power; and (5) no atomic bomb."

Discussing Soviet foreign policy, Mr. Chamberlin pointed out that if Communism in Russia was for

internal consumption only, America undoubtedly would be pursuing a policy of "live and let live," but the Soviets always have believed that "a Communist state cannot exist indefinitely alone, but must spread out and convert the world."

Dr. Pattee Awarded 1948 Christian Culture Medal

Windsor, Ont., April 1.—(NC)—Dr. Richard Pattee, director of the Inter-American Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been awarded the 1948 Christian Culture Award Medal given annually "to some outstanding lay exponent of Christian ideals," it was announced here today by Assumption College, bestower of the award.

Dr. Pattee will be presented the medal here on May 2. Previous recipients include Sigrid Undset, Jacques Maritain, Philip Murray, Frank J. Sheed, Arnold M. Walter, Henry Ford II and Dr. George Spert.

Dr. Pattee was born in Arizona in 1906 and took higher studies at the Catholic University of America, the University of Louvain in Belgium and the University of Coimbra in Portugal. He has served as instructor and assistant professor at the University of Puerto Rico; assistant chief of a Latin American cultural division in the U. S. State Department, and as U. S. consultant to the United Nations conference in San Francisco in 1945. The new medalist is the author of several Spanish and English volumes and has contributed numerous articles to English, French and Spanish publications. He recently spent four months in Spain where he gave over 70 lectures under auspices of Spanish Catholic Action.

Fr. Grotehouse Preaches At NCCM Holy Hour

Gary—"Going therefore teach ye all nations, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," was the theme of the sermon delivered by Father Lawrence Grotehouse, pastor of St. Anthony, at the sixty-sixth Holy Hour in the Spiritual Crusade of the Gary Deanery Council of the National Council of Catholic Men, held at St. Anthony Church.

Father Grotehouse called attention to the Unity, and Universality of the divinely founded Catholic Religion. He made it clear that Catholics should not only believe in the natural rights of every individual, but put that belief into practice in their daily life, and make no discrimination regarding these natural rights because of color or creed of an individual.

The next Holy Hour will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 12th & Madison St., Gary, April 18, 2:45 P.M., it was announced by Mr. Leonard R. Nelson, president of the deanery council, and that the month of May Holy Hour will be held at St. Joseph Church, 44th & Delaware St. He also announced that The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, Gary Chapter, will elect officers at their next meeting March 31, 8:00 P. M., at St. Luke's parish hall, 7th & Rhode Island St.

At the deanery council meeting, held after the Holy Hour devotion in St. Anthony's parish hall, the following named deanery officers were elected: E. L. Wehner, St. Mary, Crown Point, president; Peter Yesh, St. Michael, and Joseph Ortavski Holy Angels, vice-presidents; James McLaughlin, St. Luke, secretary; Geo. Ramuski, St. Joseph, treasurer, and Robert Smith, St. Monica, auditor.

Central Catholic Track Season Opens April 17

Fort Wayne—Central Catholic High School's track team, which opens its season on April 17, is faced with two big obstacles—lack of practice facilities and lack of veterans. All of the Irish field event men and all dash men received diplomas last June, leaving Central Catholic with a handful of distance runners.

Coach Mike Scott is building his hopes on five veterans, Tom Keith, Ray Suelzer, John Straub, Ken Huganard and Otto Bonahoom, all of whom specialize in the mile or half-mile.

The track team's schedule follows: April 17—At Howe; April 20—At South Side; April 21—At Bluffton; April 26—Central at South Side; April 29—At Kendallville; May 5—At Hartford City; May 7—Concordia and Central at Concordia; May 8—Concordia and Howe at Concordia; May 14—Sectional Meet; May 22—State Meet.

N.O.D.L. Chairman Addresses Students

Whiting—Mrs. J. W. O'Keel, chairman of N.O.D.L., gave a timely talk to the Junior High School students at the Immaculate Conception parish, Whiting, of which the Rev. John J. Lach is pastor.

She spoke on forbidden books, magazines and comics and forbidden movies, and emphasized strongly clean reading.

Father Lach said, "Mrs. O'Keel should be invited to give timely talks not only to students of our Catholic schools, but to secular clubs as well. It's timely and it's a strong appeal to Catholics and non-Catholics alike to keep our drug stores and news stands free of filthy, obnoxious reading matter."

Mass Offered Again In Warsaw Cathedral

Warsaw, March 25.—(NC)—Mass was offered on Palm Sunday in partly rebuilt Warsaw Cathedral for the first time since its complete destruction during the complete destruction in 1944. His Eminence August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, celebrated the Mass following a procession in the Chapel of the Crucifixion in the cathedral has been fully restored.

Catechism For An Honest Inquirer

The Church—The Mystical Body Of Christ

Q—I have read the Church is called "The Mystical Body of Christ." What does that mean?

A—Let us consider some of the things which the Mystical Body does not mean. It does not mean the Eucharistic Body present in the tabernacles of the world. It does not mean Christ's physical body, which He had when He walked this earth and which is now glorified in Heaven. Neither does it mean a body in a figurative sense without any objective reality.

It really means the Church, which St. Paul calls "the body of Christ" and which is understood to be a living "organism," a supernatural organism, because the

Holy Spirit dwells in it, vivifying it, and sanctifying its members through it.

Stress is laid on the supernatural character of the Mystical Body, which distinguishes it from a social body made up of people, but lacking the supernatural character.

St. Paul frequently refers to the Church as a "body," of which Christ is the Head. In his Epistle to the Colossians (I, 18) he uses those very words: "Christ is the head of the body, the Church." In his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. XII, 7) he declares that we "are the body of Christ," and in the same Epistle (V, 13) he tells us that we constitute that body because "by one spirit were we all baptized into one body." We became living members of the living organism which is that body on our Baptism.

Q—Does that mean that Baptism does not admit one into any other religious body?

A—Yes. In his Epistle to the Romans (XII, 4-5) St. Paul, who had previously said: "Though many, we are one body in Christ," notes that "all the members have not the same functions," for as a body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, many as they are, form one body, so also is it with Christ (I Cor. XII, 12).

The faithful are members of the

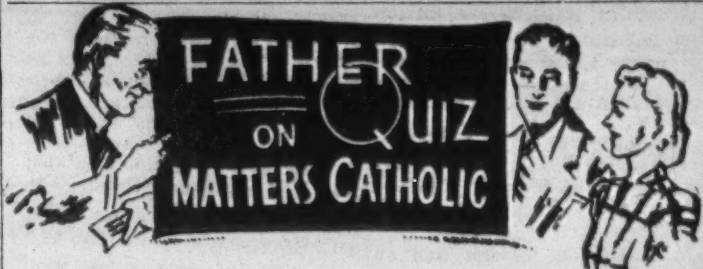
body of Christ, just as much as the clergy, but they have not the same functions. As members of the body they draw divine life, but they do not channel it to others through the Sacraments as do those whom Christ authorized to do so.

In his Encyclical Pope Pius XII wrote: "Those who are divided in faith, or who do not submit to the

one ecclesiastical government instituted by Christ, cannot belong to the one body, for as St. Paul says, there is 'one God, one faith, one baptism.'"

Q—Does one lose membership in this body by sin?

A—No. One does not lose membership in the Mystical Body when one sins unless he becomes an apostate or refuses to accept the teaching or the rulership of Christ, the Head. Consider Christ's Parable of the Vine and the Branches, and then remember that, even though you become a withered branch because of sin, you can be revived through the infusion of grace by one of the Sacraments.



Have you any data on Protestant church attendance in Germany?

For all Germany we have no statistics. However, on November 18, 1946, a Professor Dehn, of Bonn University, estimated that the percentage of Berlin Protestants who attend church with any regularity is less than one per cent of those who claim to be members.

That this condition has long obtained is reflected in his further remark: "Back in 1869 a survey disclosed that the normal Sunday attendance at services was 1.8% of the Protestant population." This was in the very citadel of Lutheranism, where the Kaiser was its Pope, although he leaned more in the direction of Calvinism.

Professor Dehn admits that it is very difficult to analyze the reason of the utter indifference of most Protestants. He writes: "Some people feel that preachers no longer know how to keep their congregation interested in their sermons... still others hold that today's technical civilization has driven a wedge between the people and the Church. In any case the fact remains that the overwhelming majority of the Protestant population does not care for the preaching of the Church."

There is no good reason why Protestants should be attracted to the church merely to hear a sermon because, according to their theory of "private judgment," they have a perfect right to disagree with the preacher. People will attend church in order to pay divine public worship only after they will have been convinced that what they personally believe is true. Christ guaranteed "certainty in faith" when He said "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"—free from speculation, from the need of inquiry, from the necessity of "looking for the truth."

Q—When did the Catholic Church begin to call itself "Roman" Catholic?

A—The Catholic Church has never called itself "The Roman Catholic Church." That is the name given to it by certain sects which like to believe that they themselves are also Catholic. In the Apostles Creed, we profess our belief as follows: "I believe in the holy Catholic Church." The Nicene Creed (325) amplified that article to read: "I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church." Now there is no other such, save the one which people are wont to call "Roman"—which has these four marks. The word "Catholic" means "universal," and only one Church existed at all in the world for a number of centuries. That is still the only one prevalent in most countries of the world today. The Catholic Church is "Roman" in so far as the seat of its government is in Rome.

Q—What was the difference between Christ's and Peter's infallibility?

A—Christ was infallible by nature, because He was God. Peter became infallible when Christ committed to him the government of His Church and when He promised to him and the other apostles His own presence as well as the assistance and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We wonder whether you know what "infallibility" means when applied to the Pope? It means that when he officially teaches

The Russians have established more than a dozen concentration camps in Germany for "political prisoners" and have also re-opened the infamous Nazis camp of Buchenwald.

The Communist Party continues to be aggressively active in South America and has increased its membership to an estimated 300,000.



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This Is Terrible!

Father Portier, Superior of St. Anne's Seminary, Jerusalem, sends very distressing news: "Since so many American friends have adopted students for the priesthood in our Seminary, they will want to know how we are carrying on in the awful conditions around us. Food and clothing are at a premium. Please help." Father needs a thousand dollars. Can you give a little?

LADY OF FATIMA

To all who gave a little for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Hospital just opened by the American Medical Mission Sisters at Mary Gari, India, we send our beautiful new folder, containing a picture of Our Lady of Fatima and prayers to her Immaculate Heart.

YOUR HOUSE OF GOD?

You can build a little House of God, your own chapel, at Bamesmes, Iraq, under Bishop Cheikho, for the fantastically small cost of \$400. Will it be yours?

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RESPONSIBLE?

A philosopher says we are responsible for our faces and how they look, when we become forty. Some can be lined with vice, others with sorrow, still others with sacrifice. Father Damien, the leper priest, had his disfigured with that awful disease, through sacrifice for the lepers. Please do give something for our DAMIEN LEPPER FUND. These outcasts need so much.

MAY DAYS

On May 1st there will be cause for rejoicing among the Communists. Russia is reaching out everywhere. But May days are Mary's days, and we shall triumph over the Communists through Mary. Your deposit in "MARY'S BANK" for Near East nuns will please her.

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Right and others' views on current events

OR Wrong

Criminals And Broken Homes

THE editor of the Cleveland Herald on March 12, warmly praised an address delivered by Chief of Police, George J. Matowitz, before the Baptist Ministers' Association. It dealt with the greater proportion of criminals among the group that is not affiliated with any of the churches, and also with the growing evil of divorce. The Chief noted that the Juvenile Bureau of the Cleveland Police Department is convinced, from a survey, that "very few delinquents have had any religious training, nor have their parents had such training."

Referring to divorce the Chief spoke as follows, for which he was highly commended by the editor of the Herald:

"Now just where does the religious leader fit into the picture, and what can he do to correct a deplorable condition? It is not the business of a police officer to go about and condemn divorce. I do, however, beseech you to do all that is within your power to unite the family more strongly than ever and keep it from tearing apart. You, as spiritual advisers, are in an admirable position to accomplish this work. Your service then becomes far-reaching. By maintaining the union between man and

wife, you create two happy people. You retain for the children a father and mother who will guide and direct them throughout life. You remove the dangers of crime that would reach in and claim the children as its victims and instead hand over to the community responsible and worthy citizens. Last, but not least, you are doing the work of your heavenly Father.

"Every day that you pick up your newspaper you cannot help but be impressed with the numbers of broken homes in our land. Legal papers separating husband and wife roll off the presses in large numbers. And yet, that same man and woman solemnly pledged that only death would separate them. What happened, in the meantime, to that marriage? I think you can find the answer in their lack of religious guidance and prayers.

"But what has divorce to do with crime, you may ask? Divorce has everything to do with crime. What chance has the boy or girl, rent asunder from his home ties, in this huge and complex world of ours without the guiding and loving hand of a father and mother? I would say very little.

"Crime takes its root in the broken home and in the home that might just as well be broken. The parents who neglect their children to seek their own pleasures are placing their offspring in the same position as the child whose parents are divorced. They are placing these children at the mercy of the streets and alleys and of the communities. Neglected, unloved and even scorned, these children are victims for the ever-present dangers of crime. Seeking an outlet for their neglected emotions, these children become delinquents of the street and soon are treading the pathless journey of crime that has but one ending—the heavy iron bars of a jail cell."

Three News Items

IN the Chicago Sun-Times, February 22, 1948, the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, with Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of Syracuse, New York, as its head, denounced the Catholic Church for holding out her hands for state support of her parochial schools.

Immediately under that news item was another, in which it was reported that the Resurrectionist Fathers of Chicago will begin in April the construction of a \$3,000,000 high school to accommodate 1,500 students. By the erection of that school the Catholics of a single congregation are, in effect, handing \$3,000,000.00 to the public high school fund rather than taking anything from it.

If it costs Chicago \$200.00 to educate every person in the public high schools, then this same single congregation is saving the public school city \$300,000.00 a year on the maintenance alone.

On the same date the paper reported a denunciation by Dr. Duke K. McCall, "Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention," of both the Pope and the President of the United States for writing letters to each other, and called Myron Taylor's return to the Vatican "a tragedy." Even though our State Department and not the Vatican is the chief beneficiary of Taylor's mission to the Vatican, it was attacked because it "violates our cherished American doctrine of separation of Church and State."

But the same Dr. McCall said

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every Italian Bishop, warned Italy's people that they will be denied the Sacraments and cut themselves off from the Church if they vote for Communist candidates in the forthcoming election? Yes, they have been told that, but the Communists make confusing observations on this threat: (a) that the Church is prejudiced and does not understand Communism; (b) the Church itself is Fascist; and (c) the Church is meddling in politics.

The reader should know that instead of "meddling in politics" the Church has held completely aloof from politics in Italy for nearly a century, and for nearly forty years Italians were not even permitted to vote because they were expected to show their resentment against the confiscation of Church property, the stealing of the States of the Church, and the imprisonment of the Pope at the Vatican. During this interval enemies of the Church organized and captured key political positions in Italy. The Prime Minister of Italy, some years ago, and the Mayor of Rome, were members of the Grand Orient, which means that they were avowed atheists, and very anti-Catholic. In all the public schools of the nation youths were not only denied a

on that occasion that he was prepared to fight any effort which would outlaw religion in public schools, although he opposed specific kinds of religious instruction. But would not the teaching of religion in public schools also be a violation of "the time-honored doctrine of separation of Church and State"? Those who are controlled by religious prejudices are unable to think straight.

The latest move of the Communist government in Poland is to take over the Polish Scout Movement comprising 300,000 youths in order to infiltrate them with the Marxist ideology. The very nature of Scoutism must be changed by such a procedure.

Catholics Taught Not To Hate But Love All Persons

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Norway, Denmark; they have it in England, the birthplace of Episcopalianism; they had it in Russia, where the Orthodox Church was strongest. The union of Church and State, in these countries, was (is) more intimate than it has ever been in any Catholic country as a whole, because the head of the State and the head of the Church was the identical person.

There is no person more tolerant of other people than the Catholic. His intolerance could only apply to what he honestly believes to be error, and in what field outside of religion are people tolerant of error? Are they tolerant of scientific error, or mathematical error, or historical error? What did Christ mean when He said: "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matt. XII, 30)? Or St. Paul, when he pronounced an anathema even against an angel from Heaven who would teach a different gospel from that which he received from Christ (Gal. 1, 8)?

Even Catholics who are convinced that they have the "truth" seldom argue with Protestants; and in business, politics, civic matters they never think of identifying any individual with his religion. Hostility and intolerance are always on the other side. North Ireland and North Germany—both Protestant—have a long record for intolerance toward the Catholic south.

Catholics look upon all others in this nation as fellow-Americans, and are trained not to hate, but to love all of them.

Christian education, but were given an anti-Catholic education.

Of course, the Church is not "meddling in politics," because Communism is not a political, but rather a moral evil which the Church is bound, by her very nature, to oppose and condemn. Only a mind with a very strange bent could fail to see that the Church, whose place it is to promote the interests of God in this world, could not compromise with a movement which is professedly anti-God. But because the Italian has been reared to believe that the Church should not concern itself with politics, the Communist charge that she is "meddling in politics" is accepted by a multitude.

Incidentally we might say that while Italians over here are accused of being very "indifferent" Catholics, the wonder actually is that they are as good as they are, because all the power of the State for several generations, operated to destroy their religion. In those days the slogan was "Italia Unita" (United Italy), which enemies of the Church claimed could not be realized while the Church held territory and operated an independent government within the confines of that country.

The Christian Democrats will likely poll a far heavier vote than the Communists, but it must be remembered that these are not the only two Parties in Italy.

Add to all this another promise of the Communists to the Italian peasants, and you will understand why one must be worried about the elections to take place two weeks from today. The promise was made to the peasants that the land will be divided up among them following a Communist victory. Much land, it is true, belongs to parishes, and to institutions of learning, to monasteries, etc.; but this land has belonged to them for centuries and has been the source of their support. Because of this source of support Italians have never been called on to contribute to their respective churches as we do in the United States, for instance, by pew rent or every Sunday envelope collections. Hence promises of that sort are enticing.

Let us pray, during the next two weeks, that the people may rally behind God rather than behind Satan during the election soon to be held, and that Communism may not be able to make further advances into Europe; that it may not, through Italy, obtain a base on the Mediterranean which has been denied to Russia, even amid the many other regrettable concessions made

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Father Conroy Talking

Surprise

A PENNSYLVANIA high school boy writes: "A group of us representing all the high schools in the city were working on a scrap-paper drive. One of the guys on the truck with me was a non-Catholic and we got to be good friends. But was I surprised one day after it was all over. He told me that I was OK. When I asked him what he meant by that he said that all his life he heard a lot of bad things about Catholics, but being with one had certainly changed his mind."

Well I suspect that this boy is a good Catholic, judging from the way the rest of the letter reads. At any rate, he brings out an important point.

There is nothing quite like good example to enlist good will for the Church and to break down prejudice. We ought to realize that those around us are watching us closely. In many instances they have been told a lot of weird stories about Catholics and the Catholic Church. They have been told these things since they were "knee-high to a grasshopper." It is to be expected that they will be suspicious and watchful of Catholics. We would be the same way—and sometimes we are. (In a later column I want to get around to that point.) So we should not be surprised, nor too critical of those who do not understand us or our belief. The thing to do is to make up our minds that the best way to win their respect is to give them the benefit of good example.

Today there is a lot of talk about "brotherhood" and people of different beliefs being friendly with one another. Many of you have grandparents and other relatives who came to this country many years ago to take up a new existence. They had a hard time of it and one of their great difficulties was the fact that they were Catholics, and for that reason they were "taboo." They couldn't get a good job. They were laughed at. Even though by law they were to be considered as equal in every way to their fellow citizens, the fact remained that they were not so considered. But all of this did not discourage them in the least. They took the odd jobs. They took all the "guff" that was thrown their way. And in the course of the years they eventually won the respect of their fellow Americans.

They could have sat back and bemoaned their bad luck. But they didn't. By their good, honest lives they proved themselves. They believed in the power of good example and they didn't waste time waiting for a "brotherhood week" or for some one to come along and champion their cause. They would have felt ashamed of such assistance. They simply persevered with the determination to convince others that they "were on the level." It took years to do it but they certainly accomplished their point.

So today that duty is still with us. We must live our daily lives with one thought in mind: gaining good will for the Church. And the best way to bring this about is to give good Catholic example. Like the boy who wrote the letter, we may be surprised. We shouldn't be though. Any fair-minded individual likes honesty, charity and Christ-like example. Let's give it constantly and consistently.

Who Said Lent Is Over?

Time Of Fasting Is Past But Season Of Self-Denial Is Always With Us

BY THE REV. HENRY J. ROMANOWSKI

THE groans of Lent have turned into sighs of relief; children have stuffed themselves with candy, adults have begun to smoke, and both old and young are sleeping later mornings now that they have ceased to attend daily Mass. Is that as it should be? Do the intensified penances of Lent absolve us from all further effort in this regard? Holy Mother Church instituted Lent in order that we all would undertake at least that modicum of self-denial to which Christ referred—"Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish"—but certainly not as a complete fulfillment of our strivings against our worst enemy, namely, ourself.

Difference Between Penance and Self-Denial

The time of fasting may be over for another year, but the time of self-denial is never over. The motive behind lenten penances is the satisfaction for sin; to forestall God-imposed punishments for sins committed, we undertake self-imposed punishments. Thus penance may be discontinued only after we have satisfied for our least little sin; and is it up to us to say when that shall be? And self-denial? That may be discontinued only when we stop committing sins! And will that ever be this side of heaven—or hell?

Moderns—those who look upon the teachings and pronouncements of Christ as old-fashioned—have no use whatsoever for self-denial. Their philosophy is: *carpe diem*. To be sure, there is a certain logic to their madness. They first deny sin; sin, they say, is an invention of the middle ages, and above all, we must be "modern." Thus, why prevent something which does not exist! But in order to deny sin, they have to pervert man's nature, which is essentially rational. Man is not simply a conglomerate of bone and muscle; he is first and foremost a creature with an immortal destiny, for he has a spiritual soul. Endowed with a freedom which no power in hell or on earth can violate, he can conform to the decrees of divinity, or he can rebel. It is because of the possibility and probability of such rebellion that he must systematically undertake the mastery of his lower animal inclinations.

Were we pure spirits, we could scoff at the notion of mortification or self-denial; but because we have a body as well as a soul, we must always be on guard that the lower is ever kept subservient to the higher. Because man's body is constantly clamoring for and receiving recognition, in the way of food, rest, relaxation, and pleasure, it becomes accustomed to having its desires satisfied. Some of these desires, however, being sinful, dare not be satisfied without almost irreparable harm to the soul.

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The Proximity Of The Flesh

Ah, but the flesh is so proximate and the spirit so remote! Granted! that is why we must make the spirit equally as proximate as the flesh, so that it shall not be overpowered by sudden requests for illegitimate pleasures. Were the flesh remote and docile, there would be little need for mortification. Even St. Paul had to cry out against that insurgent flesh: "But I see another law in my members, fighting against the law of my mind, and captivating me in the law of sin" (Romans 7:23). We must take vengeance, then, on legitimate pleasures, so that when the illegitimate ones put in their appearance, we shall be able to turn a deaf ear to them. Thus, mortification is nothing more than a practice session which enables us to put on a creditable performance under fire.

It is the will that makes all final decisions for man, that takes the credit or the blame for all human actions. The flesh may appeal, the intellect may argue, the senses may present temptation in all its alluring deceptiveness, but it is the will alone that accedes and yields. It is imper-

ative, therefore, that the will have the stamina and the alacrity which is needed to turn down all invitation to sin. Temptation seldom gives us a twenty-four hour notice; we are usually required to act almost at once. The will cannot call time out while it marshals its forces for a decisive battle; it must ever be in readiness. Like the Centurion of the Gospel story, who obtained instant obedience with a word, the will must be able to obtain ready compliance from an unruly flesh.

Mortification Not An End In Itself

This should make it clear—pagan misconception about us notwithstanding—that mortification is not an end in itself. That last hour of sleep each morning, which many sacrifice for a greater Sacrifice, is just as appealing to a Catholic as to a pagan. It is just as natural for a believer to "blow up" at some proffered indignity as it is for an unbeliever. But certain things that are hard to do are done, and other things which are pleasant are forgone, because "not by bread alone doth man live." The horror of sin is what gives sense to mortification—supernatural sense. A man may hate sin, realize its malice, and want to avoid it, but unless he makes of his will a powerhouse against which the sullies of the flesh will batter in vain, his desires will never be actualized.

To be truly efficacious, our mortifications should be directed at specific targets. The hunter, to improve his aim, doesn't simply fire his gun at random; he aims at definite objects, and only thus

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The Philosophic Mind Shall America Remain Christian

BY THE REV. G. STUART HOGAN

THE civilization of Europe and America is essentially that built by Christianity, or which developed as a result of the acceptance of Christian principles by the nations of Europe. This civilization superseded the Pagan Culture of Greece and Rome. It is interesting to note that both of these cultures are fundamentally religious cultures, and their differences spring from the variations in their religious concepts.

Paganism was a religious culture based upon polytheism, or the belief in many gods. It was pure mythology, which made little or no attempt to justify itself historically or by appeal to reason. Some of the Pagan philosophers, notably Plato and Aristotle, repudiated the popular mythology, and made considerable progress in acquiring a knowledge and understanding of true religious principles, but the belief of the masses, both rulers and people, remained gross, fantastic, and illusory.

Christianity, on the other hand, is the result of Divine Revelations given to the human race by Almighty God for the salvation of men and the preservation of the moral order among men. These revelations cover a period of about two thousand years from the day when God first revealed Himself to Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, down to the death of St. John, the Beloved Disciple. They are scientifically verifiable both from history and reason. We speak of Christianity, therefore, as the true religion; polytheism as a false religion.

The civilizations developing from the basically different religious concepts of polytheism and Christianity differed widely in normal and social principles, laws, ideals, customs and institutions. Under Paganism the individual existed largely for the state, human life

through His chosen people, the Jews, and, lastly, through His Divine Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Christianity gave to the world through the teaching authority of the Catholic Church those truths and principles which are the basis of our natural rights, our customs, and institutions.

Briefly, some of these Christian truths with their consequent sociological and moral corollaries were these: 1. Belief in the one, true God of Heaven and earth Who has given mankind a moral law for the observance of which both men and nations shall be held accountable. This knowledge of God, the Creator of heaven and earth, was the first and most fundamental fact of life; knowledge of God was necessary that man might under-

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Gospel Story Closed Doors And Conversion

BY ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

WHEN it was late that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" Let us shorten this sentence in today's gospel to where it fits our needs and to where it can easily be remembered. "Though the doors had been closed, Jesus came!"

Truly this is the age of closed doors. In all walks of life—closed doors. The salesman tries to contact the business man. He finds—a closed door. Does he despair because of this and leave without trying to make a sale? He would soon be a hungry salesman if he did that! No, he sits himself down and waits, and he looks around for openings.

Often the first one he spies is

Be A Saint!

Destroy Your Enemies By Loving Them

BY THE REV. JOHN A. O'BRIEN, Ph.D.

MORE and more psychologists, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, and all others who deal with the problems of human behavior are coming to recognize the supreme service of love in the washing away of the multitudinous quirks and complexes which fear breeds. Love achieves the simplest and the most effective catharsis of all such phobias. It builds self-confidence and courage.

Writing, not as a moralist, but as a good psychologist, William James in his "The Varieties of Religious Experience" observed: "Love your enemies! Mark you, not simply those who happen not to be your friends, but your enemies, your positive and active enemies. Either this is a mere Oriental hyperbole, a bit of verbal extravagance meaning only that we should, as far as we can, abate our animosities, or else it is sincere and literal."

"Outside of certain cases of intimate individual relation, it seldom has been taken literally. Yet it makes one ask the question: Can there in general be a level of emotion so unifying, so obliterative of differences between man and man, that even enmity may come to be an irrelevant circumstance and fail to inhabit the friendlier interests aroused? If positive well-wishing could attain so supreme a degree of excitement, those who are swayed by it might well seem superhuman beings. Their life would be morally discrete from the life of other men, and there is no saying . . . what the effects might be; they might conceivably transform the world."

Saints like Peter Claver have played their part in transforming the world from the slavery-approving civilization of the seventeenth century to one that finds it abhorrent in every way.

Saints are people whose dominant motivation is not fear, but love. That love extends to all mankind, even to one's enemies. Love dries up the pus pockets of hatred and cauterizes them with deeds of kindly service. "Fear is not in love," says St. John, the beloved disciple of Our Lord, "but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear doth imply punishment, and he that feareth is not perfected in love." In that brief utterance St. John has expressed a profound psychological truth whose therapeutic implications psychiatrists will be unraveling to the end of time. The best way, both morally and psychologically, to overcome one's enemies is to love them. Lincoln perceived this truth and practiced it.

At a dinner in Washington he spoke kindly and even in endearing terms of some of the Confederates.

"I am surprised, Mr. President," said an elderly lady near by, "to hear you speak of our enemies in such a kind way. I should think you would seek to destroy them."

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the business man's secretary-receptionist. He tries to win her approval. If his polite friendliness thaws out her icy reserve even a trifle, he may plead his case with her. After all, she can walk in and out that door, and often it is through her good word to the "boss" that he gains his entrance.

At any rate, patience and perseverance combined with the salesman's childlike faith in the face of hundreds of closed doors are what help him to sell his product.

Today, we are thinking of the "closed doors" in people's hearts. Every man, woman, and child outside the Catholic Church is a potential convert. But too many times we see only their "closed doors!" Unlike the salesman, we

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Press Can Betray Freedom By Silence

Pattern Of Aggression Used First In Poland Followed In Other Nations

BY THE REV. F. C. FALQUE

EXHIBIT 'A' in the Soviet plan of domination by tyranny is the ruthless taking over of Poland which occurred two and one-half years ago. The pattern of aggression was the same as that revealed in other nations since. There was first a concurrence with traitors to freedom within the nation and then a bold assumption of absolute power through them. But in the case of Poland, the greatest of the slavic nations to be betrayed, treachery and hypocrisy had a field day. Few were the voices raised in the defense of freedom, when the light of freedom was put out in that valiant land.

In his recent book, "I Saw Poland Betrayed," former American Ambassador, Arthur Bliss Lane,

now tells the facts. He answers the question which so many Americans have asked: "How could a supposedly great and freedom loving nation like Poland or more recently Czechoslovakia become the victim of such outright aggression?"

In Poland the Soviets had an opportunity to experiment as to how far the commitments of Teheran and Yalta would permit them to go. They counted on the silence of the press in free countries like America and Britain. By a combination of the suppression of the truth and false propaganda, they were able to bring the legitimate Polish government into disrepute. They recognized and dealt with another group, the Lublin faction, which they had set up as a government and they refused to consider even cooperation with the old government which had fought the Nazis faithfully. They also immediately suppressed all political parties which really represented the will of the majority of the people. In short they acted a great lie, on the Goebbels-Hitler assumption that if a lie is great enough it will succeed unopposed. And succeed it did, with the rest of the free world unaware because of the silence about it that prevailed.

We may ask today, after the truth has been revealed, where were the liberal and progressive correspondents and reporters, who keep reminding us that they have so much integrity, and who claim to be unfailing in their devotion to the cause of freedom? Here was an instance of the suppression of freedom for some thirty million people, in defiance of every principle of decency. This occurred in a nation which has an unbroken record of close friendship with the American people back to the very infant days of this republic. And yet in this nation, where it is almost a truism to assert that freedom or any threat to it is always our concern, we heard little about rampages of tyranny in valiant Poland. We heard much about patient forbearance, collaboration with our great Soviet ally, democracy in Russia, relief through UNRRA and the like. But the stark and radical fact that a nation was being crushed was something which especially the liberal and progressive journals were afraid to face.

And who was telling the truth in those days? Our Holy Father, the Pope, was quoted in the press as a lone voice, with the connotation that his was the cry of reaction; and the Catholic press was seldom recognized, except contemptuously as the voice of outmoded institutions that were passing.

Now They Climb On The Bandwagon

We are witnessing a right about face on the part of journalists today. Books, magazines, editorials, news broadcasts, official pronouncements are vociferous in denouncing the pattern of Soviet aggression. The rank and file American is still a bit confused, but in measure as the truth is uncovered, he is aware that perhaps we were betrayed along with Poland, that mankind and freedom are one, that our own lives and liberties are threatened. But why should the awakening be so long after the damage was done? Where were all the professed champions of the common man three years ago?

Our defection consists in this, that both those who represented us in world conferences, and the press, which should be ever alert, failed to distinguish between collaboration with all for peace and cooperation in crime as an expediency. Now we can see that there is a difference. This latter state of affairs is indeed healthier

than the former, but what damage might have been prevented had our free press lived up to its responsibilities of keeping the people truly informed? The confusion which still prevails and makes a third Russia-First party a possibility could have been prevented. Informed minds could not be so misled.

Cather Press Stood Solidly For Truth

Catholics have reason again to be thankful for the Catholic press. Feeble as are its resources when compared with the system of journalism known as the secular press, in consistency, faithfulness to the American principle of enlightenment, and true liberal vigor it stands mighty by contrast. All through the post-war years of confusion it did not falter in its assertion that Communism is the enemy of man, because it is a religion of materialism which fails to take God into account. Without God, man can claim no God-given rights, and without rights there can be no freedom, the dogmas of self-styled progressives notwithstanding.

Echoing the voice of the Vicar of Christ, the Catholic press has boldly asserted that nations like the individual are responsible to the moral law, that peace is the fruit of justice and that it can never rise on the premise of co-operation in evil. Expediency and power politics, falsely termed in journalism and in too much statesmanship as accepting reality, are shabby substitutes for right, just as they were unthinkable as substitutes for it when we were threatened by Fascism. This courageous devotion to truth, and the optimism which begets it are the real attributes of liberalism. Compromise with statism is reaction, reaction to the oldest of evils, paganism.

With Faith We Can Laugh At Death

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and make a sort of joke out of it all?

Without a faith of any sort, without a belief in the good God and an after-life, a number would probably give in to despair. We're not poets or philosophers, most of us. We're just plain ordinary people, trying to take life in stride, to clear each hurdle as it comes our way. And every once in a while, we lose someone that's dear to us. It's been figured out that on an average of once in every thirteen years, the American family has a death. What are we to think, then, as we see our mothers and fathers laid out, our children, our husbands and wives? Shall we face their dear remains "proud, clear-eyed, and laughing"? Shall we enter the death-chamber "proudly defiant of the irresistible force" that has swept this dear person from our midst? Can you see how such philosophies break down when it comes to the facts of our immediate experience?

One might think that this is hardly the season for a discussion of death. That might more opportunely come in November or December. But this is April, early spring, the season of rebirth, when trees are budding and the flowers are sprouting. Why, we just celebrated Easter!

And that's just why we're talking about death—because the fact of our Lord's resurrection gives us the answer to the riddle stumping those who have no faith.

Taken as we are today, we are in a pitiable plight. We're something like angels inhabiting the bodies of animals. We have a strange dignity of our own. We think and imagine and remember; we laugh and cry; we listen to great music and sit in attendance on stories of comedy and tragedy; then, after such sublime and dignified occupation, we get hungry and, somewhat like the animals, must eat in order to live. Or we get thirsty and have to drink liquids of some sort. And when one of our family dies, no matter how much we might have loved him, we bury him within the week—put him under six feet of ground, for reasons that are all too obvious.

If that were not enough—the fact of our animality—there's the additional consideration that we're subject to degrading impulses of various sorts. The norm of respectability as outlined for us by the customs and institutions of a

Christian society—all this is like a tight rope on which we try to keep our balance our whole life long. It's a hard job—and sometimes we fall off that rope, but up we go again to go on with our duty.

We mustn't lie. We mustn't commit adultery. We mustn't cheat our neighbor or over-reach him. We must be chaste and kind in thought, word and action. Yet there isn't one of us who hasn't at sometime or another felt himself being pushed around by temptations to violate these laws of nature.

With Christ We Can Conquer Sin Too

Now here's where Easter comes in: Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, loves us so much that He took a human body just like ours. And just like ours, His body had its limitations: Jesus used to get hungry and thirsty; He used to get tired out; and finally He died.

Had sin any power over Jesus? Definitely not. But He did allow Himself to be tempted—and, of course, He overcame those temptations. We believe, too, that the blood and agony of His last day on earth was caused by our sins—that is, Jesus made a free offering of Himself as a victim for our sins. He permitted sin to vent the full force of its fury on His innocent Person, even to the exacting of that traditional wage of penalty of sin—the separation of soul and body in death.

But now we have the risen Christ!—the exemplar, the pattern of what we too shall one day be if we keep faith with Him. Christ conquered sin—so shall we. And although our soul will one day be

separated from our body, another day will see the reunion of soul and body, as with Christ on Easter.

In other words, since the resurrection of our Lord, no follower of Christ need fear death. Our faith in Him has set us free from the bondage of decay. Henceforth we can regard death not as a grim and bitter experience, ending everything, but as the gateway to a new and larger life in Christ Jesus. And with the inspired faith of the Old Testament Prophet Job, we can declare with firm confidence that "though worms destroy this body, yet in our flesh we shall see God" (Job).—An address given April 1 in the Faith in Our Time radio program broadcast every Thursday at 10:15 A. M., E.S.T., by The Mutual Broadcasting Company.

Who Are Un-American?

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No unprejudiced person could give any other answer than "Yes" to each of the priest's questions. Stanley High, roving editor of The Reader's Digest, and formerly editor of The Christian Herald, speaking before an interdenominational audience at East Norfield, Mass., last August, observed:

"I do not think our positive concern about Catholicism should be in terms of school bus or political influence or the separation of Church and State... The real vital matter... is for the modern man, and for the like of me, if you please—the Roman Catholic Church has something to offer which Protestantism too generally is not offering."

"And this is the bawling-room," he said, showing the nursery.—Russell E. Bullock.

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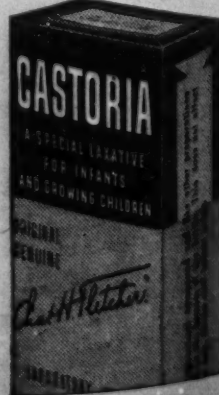
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Spirit Of Mount St. Joseph Academy . . .

'The Will To Win'

BY FRANCIS NUGENT

LATE this fall, the President of Notre Dame, addressing a gathering of that University's alumni, ended his talk with this remark: "The 'Fighting Irish' are generally victorious on the football field because they exemplify the motivating force of their Alma Mater which is the 'will to win.'" So too, is it with Mt. St. Joseph's of Rutland, Vt., which to a certain degree can be called "the 'Notre Dame' of Vermont high schools."

Dedication

WE dedicate this page of Our Sunday Visitor to the loving memory of Mother Mary Columba, S.S.J., who by her outstanding leadership, unselfish work and devotion made possible the present M. S. J. co-educational program. Mother Columba departed this world February 7, 1948 after a life spent for the cause of youth. May she rest in peace.—The Editors.

Of all the fine qualities which glorify Rutland's only Catholic high school, the one which is the most attractive and perhaps the attribute that makes it the fine institution of learning it is, its Spirit. Students of M.S.J. seem imbued with that triumphant air of victory which haunts its halls. It is this unique aspect of the Academy that has won admiration and support of those who have no direct relationship with the school.

Tracing back the history of the "Mount" we can see the development and growth of this tremendous feeling of loyalty. Established in 1884 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and maintained for some 40 years as a girls' school, it won for itself during that space of time an enviable place in the field of education. Graduates of these years have in part repaid their debt to the school by sending their children to study under the same capable teachers. The last twenty years of co-educational work has changed the "Mount" from a small, private academy, to one of the largest and most widely known schools in the state.

The last war claimed many sons and daughters of M.S.J. who distinguished themselves for service "above and beyond the call of duty." Hundreds of other graduates have reflected honor upon themselves for their work in different professions—Priests, Sisters, doctors, lawyers, businessmen; in fact in all fields of human endeavor the M.S.J. graduate has carried the spirit of his Alma Mater.

A high standard of education has always exemplified M.S.J. Affiliated with the Catholic University of America, the courses naturally fall in with the University's policy. Extra-curricula activities are numerous and offer a good variety to suit individual talents.

Far exceeding the material benefits, however, is the religious environment which the Mount has to offer. Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, First Friday devotions, daily rosary, yearly retreats are but a few of the spiritual advantages. In the very heart of the school is the chapel where dwells the Divine Master, Christ. In this holy place, boys and girls of M.S.J. find strength and courage. With such a Leader and Teacher constantly present the Academy boys and girls are conscious of a priceless treasure—they realize how fortunate they are to be in a school that has such a blessing. Is it this Divine Presence that makes the Mount have such a holy home-like atmosphere? When all is said and done, all the qualifications of M.S.J., duly regarded and analyzed find this is its most priceless treasure—its holy, home-like atmosphere. So—is it strange that, possessing so much in the spiritual and material, M.S.J.'ers laugh at temporary losses? Theirs is a heritage, to which color and substance have been added during a half century of progress by men and women who had the "will to win."

cation of many "Acads" is broadened by the inclusion of music in their curriculum.

Two important musical organizations of the Academy are the band and orchestra. In their brilliant green and white informs the band plays at all the home games and adds enormously to the spirit of a football or basketball game.

Every day, from the music studios, one can hear the brilliant music of the piano, the stirring tones of a trumpet or the sweet strain of the violin. While the majority of the music-minded students play the piano an appreciable number prefer the string, wind and brass instruments. It is the combination of these two departments that make the M.S.J. concerts so delightful and successful.

Sodality . . .

To Jesus Through Mary

BY CAROLYN BURKE

ACADEMITES are Mary-ites and during Mary's months they make every effort to prove their love and loyalty to heaven's Queen.

Take for instance, the month of May. It's tradition at M.S.J. to hold the May Day Procession in honor of Mary, the Queen of May, whether the sun is shining or threatening rain becomes a downpour.

The entire student body takes part in order of class. Led by acolytes bearing the cross and lighted candles, the boys and girls march reverently to the Grotto of Our Lady on the Convent grounds where prayers are offered by the school principal, Father Fitzsimmons and the curates from the three parishes in the city. The procession then winds its way to the chapel where the statue of Our Blessed Mother is crowned by the President of the Junior Sodality, who has as attendants twelve senior girls whose names are Mary.

After the crowning, the students chant in Latin the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and recite an Act of Consecration in which they acknowledge Mary as the "liege Lady of their hearts" and pledge themselves to be worthy children of their Immaculate Mother. The consecration is followed by the presentation of flowers. A bouquet from each home room is laid at Mary's feet by a representative chosen through votes of her classmates. Thus twelve girls are singularly honored. This tribute is followed by a short sermon generally given by the principal and the May Day ceremonies are concluded by solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Important . . .

Music At The Mount

BY JOHN CLARK

WHETHER it's the Band playing a Sousa March or the Glee Club soaring to the finale of a Christmas Cantata, music plays an important part in life at the Mount. The annual music graduation Concert, held in May is one of the highlights of the school year. The glamor that surrounds this recital; the brilliant picture presented by the pastel costumes of the girls and the boys in their "tuxes," together with the applause that sounds forth from an appreciative audience combine to make this an event worthy of Splazburg or Tanglewood.

To be eligible to graduate in music at M.S.J. a student must have completed the equivalent of eight years of music study plus courses in theory, harmony and music appreciation. Thus the edu-

Mount St. Joseph 'Clarion' Staff



Pictured is the staff of the "Clarion," publication of the students at Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland, Vt. Back row, left to right: Ronald Abbott, Delores LaFrancois, Mary Cragin, Nancy O'Rourke, John Clark, Patricia O'Shea, James Ready, Mary Ellen O'Rourke, Maureen O'Shea, Francis Quinn. Front row, left to right: John Terenzini, Ann Fagan, Francis Nugent, Mary Eileen Abbott, Carolyn Burke, Marie Harrison, Patricia Burie, Frances Burke.

Training For Leadership . . .

M.S.J. Clubs And Organizations

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH students develop character and leadership through the medium of clubs and organizations which are an integral part of Academy life.

Athletic Association: This organization finds the student-body backing the athletic program of football, basketball and baseball, with financial means and loyal support.

C.Y.O. Organization: A committee of ten students do the planning of recreational activities taking place after school hours.

Residents' Club: Resident pupils at the Mount, who hail from a dozen or more states and also South America, have their own planned programs drawn up by officers of the Club. Plays, hikes, basketball, arts and crafts, and other activities are included.

Commerce Club: The Business Students have one of the smoothest-running clubs at M.S.J. Regular meetings which follow Parliamentary procedure are preparing this group of Mounties to stand on their own feet. They are active in the entertainment line, sponsoring plays, dances and cultural evenings.

Journalism: Literary students edit "The Clarion" the Academy newspaper. This club aims in developing the talent of the young Catholic writer.

Arts and Crafts: Many "Mounties" have joined this club, and regular junior and senior art classes are held each week. During the Christmas Season, senior members painted a series of life-sized pictures depicting the Birth of Christ.

Dramatics: The Dramatic Club fosters interpretative art, speech, poise. The high-light of the year is generally the Senior Play which draws its actors from those who love the "art."

Our Lady's Sodality: The "Children of Mary" form one of the most important spiritual clubs at the Academy. Monthly meetings are held. Daily Communion is encouraged; once a month the members receive in a body.

The Holy Name Society: This organization is made up of M.S.J. boys who realize they are called upon to be defenders of the Church and Christ's doctrine in a critical era of Christian history. They also receive Holy Communion in a body once a month.

Guides . . .

Our Faculty

BY MARY CRAGIN

THE Sisters of St. Joseph maintain the Academy of Mt. St. Joseph and represent the major part of the teaching body of twenty-two instructors. The Sisters have a mother-house here in Rutland and during the sixty-four years of educational work have molded young girls into valiant women who have taken their place in the Church's work in religion and the world.

When the Academy became co-educational and boys' sports became a part of the curriculum, Coaches were added to the Faculty. At present, there are two Coach Branon and Assistant Coach Rounds. Also on the rostrum is Mr. Moore, a regular teacher.

In 1946, Father Edward Fitzsimmons became principal and Sister M. Annunciata, Assistant. It is of interest to know that both Mr. Rounds and Mr. Moore are former graduates of the Academy. After graduating from college they taught, then served their country during the war. Our principal, Father Fitzsimmons, is also a veteran; he was a Chaplain in the air forces. Before the war he was principal of St. Michael's high school, Brattleboro, Vermont. Mr. Henry Lavarack, artist, came to the Mount in 1945. His intensive art courses have brought out the best in the talented young artists at M.S.J.

We feel indebted to the Sisters, the apostles of Christian Education, who have done so much to make our Catholic Education possible, but especially do they influence us most by the interior lives which they lead.

We are also greatly indebted to our principal, for his continual spiritual guidance and understanding of our problems. In fact, we are happy and proud of our Faculty as a whole and are glad to have this opportunity to acknowledge publicly our debt to all.

Historic . . .

Rutland, The 'Marble City'

BY JAMES READY

NESTLED among the famed Green Mountains of Vermont lies Rutland, the second largest city in that state. West centrally located, the city may easily be reached by bus lines and railroad. Before reaching Rutland the visitor will notice first of all the majestic mountain peaks that tower around the city which itself is six hundred feet above sea level.

The history of Rutland certainly vies with any city in the land for interest. It was settled in 1761 and in thirteen years possessed thirty-five families. In common with all frontier settlements, it suffered from repeated attacks by the Iroquois and Algonquin Indians, who thickly populated this section and also from the Colonial and Indian Wars. It was incorporated a city in 1892 and named Rutland.

With recreation in mind, the site of Rutland is ideal. With its beautiful mountain ranges, peaks, lakes and ponds, golf courses and tennis courts, in summer the whole locale lends itself to physical advantage for outdoor sports and recreation. In winter Pico Peak is much frequented by ski enthusiasts from all over New England and New York.

Rutland is a leader of the state in industry. In 1930 there were thirty-seven major plants producing well over \$6,000,000. Some of the leading products include: confectioneries, awnings, flags, confectories, cement, machinery, clothing, printing, beverages, marble, scales, granite, slate, toys, and daily products. Available industrial sites are of the best and they are on trunk line railroads.

The small towns surrounding Rutland, are world famous for their beautiful marble. Proctor, Florence, West Rutland and Center Rutland. The marble is shipped to all points around the compass. The monument placed on the grave of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt is made from Rutland marble. The Catholic Church, Christ the King, in Rutland is made of marble. It is a site for tourists who leave the spot awed.

Rutland is also well equipped along educational lines with a total of thirteen schools and with another Parochial School in vision. There is a public library possessing some thirty thousand volumes and numerous clubs and organizations.

Aunt Helen's Letters To Little First Communicants

BY MRS. M. A. SPRINGER

I.

Our Good Heavenly Father

Dear Boys and Girls:

THESE letters will probably be more like talks than letters, because I like to imagine that you are all right here where I can see you, and hear what you have to say. So don't be surprised if you find your own selves talking in these letters, too. It wouldn't surprise me if you did some talking right away, because the first thing I am going to do is to ask a question that every one of you can answer.

Who works hard every day so that we can have many nice things—a house to keep out cold and storms, good food to eat, and pretty clothes to wear? "Oh, that's easy," you say. "It's Father, of course." Yes, indeed. Father loves us and so he does many kind things for us.

Now, another question. Who is the very best and kindest father in all the world? "Mine!" shouts John. "Oh, Mine!" says Mary. And "Mine!" and "Mine!" and "Mine!" I can hear. Now, the strange thing about it is that all of you are right. It is your father, John; and yours, Mary; and yours, and yours, every one of you. But not the father you see here on earth. It is your Heavenly Father, God. He belongs to all of us. He takes care of every one of us. And He is the best and kindest Father in all the world.

He made this whole world, with the sun and moon and stars, trees, rivers, and flowers. The world belongs to Him, but He lets us live here and enjoy it. And, if God didn't help them, even our fathers and mothers couldn't take care of us; for it is really God Who makes the trees grow so that we can build houses, God Who makes the cotton grow so that we can make clothes, God Who makes the fruit and vegetables grow so that we can have food.

If we just stop to think about it, everything we have comes from our kind Heavenly Father. Can you think of a single thing that we would have if God did not give it to us?

Now, why do you suppose God the Father gives us so many good things? Isn't it because, just like our fathers on earth, He loves us so much? You see, we belong to God just as much as to our fathers on earth. Each one of us is His child. We all belong to God's family. We are even something like God, just as we sometimes look like our fathers or mothers.

"But how can we look like God?" I hear someone ask. "You can't see God." Well, now, there

is a part of us, too, that cannot be seen. It is the most important part, and it is the part that is like God Himself. Most of you know by this time that what I mean is our souls. God made our souls holy and beautiful, like Himself; and, unless we spoil them by sin, they please Him very much. He loves us most because of our souls.

Of course, we love our Heavenly Father, too, and we want to show Him that we do. We want to thank Him for all the good things. We want to please Him by doing everything He wants us to do. And, if we have been naughty, we want to tell Him how sorry we are, and ask Him to help us be good. We want Him to help us keep our souls clean and beautiful.

Would you like to know the very best way to show this good Father that we love Him and thank Him and want to please Him—the very best way to ask Him for help?

First, we might see what people used to do a long time ago, and what they do now in different parts of the world. For, you know, God has been the Heavenly Father for years and years and years—more than we can ever count; and He is the Heavenly Father to everyone—Indians, Eskimos, Japanese, and all the rest. But we had better leave that for next Sunday's letter.

I hope to write you quite a number of these letters; and, since they come to you printed in a paper instead of in an envelope, maybe you would like to keep them in a book. You could paste them in a scrapbook, and make each letter a chapter of your book. You could give each chapter a name, just as they do in real books. For instance, you might name the one for today "Our Good Heavenly Father."

Some of you might want to paste in pictures or make little drawings. That would make a really fine book. Today you might draw a picture of the sun, moon, and stars, and write under it, "God the Father made the sun

and moon and stars." It would be easy to find pictures of animals, trees, flowers, rivers, and mountains; and you could write for them, "God made the whole world and everything in it." Maybe you would even be so lucky as to find a picture of an Eskimo or a Chinese, and then you could write, "God is the Heavenly Father to everybody."

Or maybe you have some other ideas. Aunt Helen would be glad to hear of them. Would you like to write her a letter and tell her about your book?

Take Your Choice

PROPOSERS of the Communist ideology—which aims at making life happier for the "worker"—might do well to look at some statistics compiled by the New York Times. Using figures announced by Moscow, and comparing them with figures released by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the newspaper proves conclusively (to anyone who still needs proof) that the average factory worker is much better off under U. S.-style capitalism than under Russian-style Communism.

The figures relate the hours a man must work to the goods his labor will buy. For example, Ivan Ivanovitch, Russian, has to work 1 hour and 10 minutes to buy a one pound loaf of white bread. John Doe, American, can earn his loaf of daily bread by working just 7 minutes.

A package of cigarettes costs Ivan 2 hours and 4 minutes of labor. John Doe earns enough in 9 minutes to make the purchase.

Ivan has to toil 31 hours and 51 minutes to buy his wife a cotton dress. John Doe can do it in 2 hours and 21 minutes.—Take Your Choice.

Want To Read?

Our library of congress started in 1800 with \$5,000 worth of books. Today it is the world's largest, its nearly eight million volumes covering about 400 miles of bookshelves. Six workers, cleaning steadily, can vacuum the same book only once in two years.—Ave Marie

300 Years Old But . . .

German Prayer Tells Plight Of War Victims

BY JOHN H. THOMPSON
In "The Chicago Tribune"

IT was New Year's eve in Germany. Gaunt and hollow-eyed Father Liborius faced the starving congregation in the little Catholic church, and began his sermon:

"We poor human beings—townsfolk and farmers, men, women, and children, old and sick—who live in this terrible and depraved state, when the apocalyptic horsemen rage

over the world, and have to vegetate in poverty, fear, and darkness, pray Our Lord that He may relent and exercise mercy, and that He may bless us with better conditions in the New Year than the past one provided;

"That labor done by hand may be valued again, and that one may receive wages for one's sweat and can lead a good life in industry and honesty, not by stealing, deception, and force."

Wind Chills Congregation

An icy wind chilled the congregation which moved closer together for warmth as Father Liborius continued his prayer:

"That the many courts may cease to exist and not everyone will accuse everyone else and charge him with that which he may have done himself, and as a principle, each one may measure the guilt of another man by his own, and will exercise indulgence and forgiveness. . ."

Father Liborius, his voice gaining power, spoke of loose morals, injustice, and a need for human dignity. And he went on:

"That everyone, poor and rich alike, may have a piece of bread and a crock of water, so that he will not starve or die of thirst as has happened to so many of our brothers and sisters during the past year. . ."

Prays For Clothes

"That everyone may have a pair of breeches and shirt and two shoes. . ."

"And that everyone may have a roof and shelter over his head and

Thinking With God

BY FRANCIS P. LeBUFFE, S.J.

By the sign of the Cross, deliver us from our enemies, O God, our God.—Communion of the Mass of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

By the sign of the Cross—Which was Your pillar of pain and shame. . . Which was the standard of Your victory. . . Which is Your throne of glory. . .

By the sign of the Cross—Which is our distinctive counter-sign as Catholics. . . which we make when first we wake. . . and with which we seal off the day at its end. . . with which we bless our food before and after taking. . . which we reverently make as we genuflect upon entering the church. . .

Deliver us from our enemies— from those who would harm us in the well-being of our bodily lives. . .

from those who endanger our souls— any bad companions or friends. . . the producers of moral filth on the screen, on the air, in printed form. . . from the devil and his wiles. . . from our own lower nature and its downward drag. . .

O God, our God— by our very nature we belong to Him. . . and His added claim came from His death on the Cross for us. . . and still another claim every time He comes to us through grace. . . and yet another each time He comes within us in Holy Communion. . .

Dear Jesus, I am happy and proud to sign myself in private and in public with the sign of Your Cross. On it You showed the utmost of Your love for me. By signing myself with it reverently let me always show my abiding love for You. And, please through that Cross save me from my enemies that I may be Yours—always.

The narrower the mind, the broader the statement.—Paul Larmer.



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SPORTSCASTING

By Jim Costin

RECENTLY in commenting on the death of Bishop Kelley of Oklahoma I recalled the beautiful tribute he paid to the memory of Knute Rockne shortly after the famous coach had crashed to his death in a plane in a Kansas wheat field. I wondered if any of the readers of this department remembered that editorial, which originally appeared in the Bishop's diocesan organ, the Southwest Courier of Oklahoma City, Okla., or if any of them had saved a copy of it which they would forward to me to be reprinted.

Tribute To 'Rock' . . .

The response was immediate and most gratifying. First, three copies of that editorial came from Notre Dame sources. Then came one from a nun teaching many miles away from South Bend. Five persons who had pasted the editorial in their scrapbooks went to the trouble of copying it by hand and sending it to me. Since the editorial was widely reprinted in the Catholic press at the time, six other readers sent me clippings from their diocesan papers. Finally, a yellow copy of the editorial from the Southwest Courier itself—where the editorial first appeared—was forwarded to me by Joe Quinn, then as now, editor of the Courier. Thanks to all of these readers who were kind enough to send me copies of that editorial, which is timely now that the seventeenth anniversary of Rockne's death occurred on Wednesday of last week.

Here is Bishop Kelley's tribute to the memory of the great Notre Dame coach:

"An alumnus, albeit honorary, of Notre Dame, should be ashamed to say that he had never spoken to Knute Rockne and had seen him only once. With all that proper shame I make such a confession. All I ever saw of the Wizard of Football was his back as we both watched the last game with Carnegie Tech, he from the side lines and I from the President's box. Yet when I heard of Rockne's death something unusual happened for tears came into eyes that I thought had long ago shed all they could hold. That was not a light triumph for a dead man whose face I never saw. Now I know that I was only one of a multitude who had never spoken a word to Rockne but who loved the kind of man he was. They are so scarce, these 'Rocks' of college life upon whom the weight of a thousand confidences can rest and leave sympathetic space for a thousand more.

"To those who knew Notre Dame well, its history and its struggles, it seemed as if it was the last college on earth that needed a man like Rockne. Notre Dame had had so many outstanding educational leaders. There is its builder, Sorin, standing guard at the gate in deathless bronze, but in hearts standing just as deathless in memory. There was Corby, there was Walsh and there was Morrissey. Great men all and men of vision.

"No, it did not seem as if Notre Dame needed Rockne. The University may have needed a coach but Rockne was far more than a coach. He was a son who had inherited what these others had left behind them. He had their loyalty, their idealism, their love for Christian education, their never-failing interest in what the school should do in other ways than the way of making mere Bachelors of Arts. For Rockne was in his rough but kindly way a real educator who knew that boys have souls as well as bodies and that, even in football, the soul is the power that wins.

"For thirty-seven years I have watched Notre Dame. I saw the school in some of its years of discouragement. I knew the stories of more than one hope that seemed to die in the flames of burning buildings. And I watched each phoenix as it rose from the ashes of sad defeat, but was never surprised when I heard the whir of its wings, for I knew also the spirit that was born when Sorin went to cleaning bricks hot from the fire that destroyed the pride of his heart. Notre Dame is like that. It is Sorin.

"And Rockne was Sorin without a cassock and breviary. Perhaps he did not pray as much as Sorin but he knew he could rely on others making up the deficit. And perhaps he did pray more than we suspect, for Rockne had the spirit that prays for action. He knew that education is discipline, not the discipline that breaks ranks to revel, but the discipline that still holds its grip through revelry; the discipline that stays always in the soul to keep men in the right path or call them back to it if unfortunately they wander from it.

"Rockne was a listed professor of chemistry, but an unlisted professor of human psychology. He knew the inside of boys as well as he knew the mixtures in his retorts. Some he knew were explosive, so he handled them with understanding. He knew the exact spiritual values needed to produce the wanted result. He was

so quick in his decisions, in his speech, that he seemed to know the right things subconsciously, just as we know the words of the language we speak when the need calls for its instant use.

"Behind his resourcefulness, his skill and his knowledge of football, was always that understanding of youth which in Rockne seemed an instinct. He must have known that youth bequeaths its virtues to manhood, so he used the power that was his everywhere and always. Nothing could better explain the profound emotion that swept over the Nation when the news came of his death, an emotion felt by those who never had seen his school, never had seen his 'boys,' who took only a passing interest in colleges and college sports, but who sensed that the loss of Rockne left American education and American sportsmanship in mourning.

"Notre Dame for a long time will be sad, but Notre Dame has not lost its 'Rock.' Such men do not wholly die for they leave to what they loved and for what they labored not a little part of themselves. The great ones of Notre Dame did that and Rockne himself profited. He who had the spirit of the founders, will have his place as a permanent teacher with them, and it will be a goodly inspiration for the future students of Notre Dame to think of the chunky, sweater-clad figure of their own 'Rock' watching with the gown and cassocked Fathers over their joint legacy to American college manhood. Just before I heard of his death I had read this line:

"The life-giving personality is the secret of all that is worthwhile in education."

"That line might well be written on many tombs at Notre Dame and the tomb of Knute Rockne should be one of them."

No Answer . . .

Is it any wonder that I remembered that beautiful piece of writing by a Bishop of the Church who has recently been called to his reward? Is it any wonder that so many others, priests, nuns and laity, had been preserving that bit of writing for so many years? Knowing Rockne, personally or not, "did something" to you, as attested by the beautiful tribute paid to the coach's memory of Bishop Kelley, who didn't know him personally, as he says.

Notre Dame, through its football teams, still holds that tremendous grip on the affection of so many of the American public, sports loving and otherwise. I have been around the university nearly as long as the next layman, and I have heard a thousand arguments or discussions upon the subject of why Notre Dame has such a tremendous hold on the feelings and sentiments of so many countless thousands, many of whom have never even seen the campus. I have heard a thousand reasons for it—all of them probably correct. There just isn't any one thing you can place your finger on. If it had been Rockne alone, Notre Dame would have been forgotten long since by the rank and file. But the school is better known even today than it was in Rockne's day; not because of Hunk Anderson, not because of Elmer Layden, and not because of Frank Leahy, Rockne's successors as head coach. Maybe, as Bishop Kelley eloquently put it, it all dates back to such stalwarts as Fathers Sorin, Walsh and Morrissey, to mention only a few. I, for one, would like to take leave to add another illustrious name to that list, the name of the late Father John Farley; the "King" himself. God rest all their souls!

Who Said Lent Is Over?

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can he measure his progress. The penitent sinner—a class to which we should all belong—can likewise render his self-denials most fruitful by pointing them at his chief fault. If I never in my life became intoxicated, it would be rather pointless for me to give up intoxicating drink; I might do it as a penance, but certainly not as a form of mortification.

Then again, a certain hierarchy must be preserved. The inveterate sinner who gives up cigarettes as a form of mortification while continuing his life of sin, is merely cajoling and deceiving himself. Every man's first and most important act of self-denial is the denial of mortal sin. Since mortal sin is the only thing that can cut us off from God, all our efforts and energies must be directed to keeping it out of our lives—that is our biggest mortification. We may and should use lesser mortification to support that one, but never as substitutes which absolve us from all effort in behalf of predominant faults.

Mortification Is A Source of Happiness

It would be well to dispel at this point the slander that mortification causes a sort of melancholia, a sadness, so that those who practice it are "wet blankets," dampening the spirits of others with whom they come into contact. The opposite is the truth; mortification brings with it a certain exhilaration which rises out of the conquest of the flesh. After a successful tussle with some craving of the flesh, even though it be sinless, one experiences a refreshment as of mountain breezes, mixed in with the invigorating tang of sea air. It is at such times that you begin to feel and appreciate the depth of your humanity; you begin to know what it means to be a man.

Contrast this with the remorse and pangs of conscience which follow sin, and it quickly becomes apparent wherein lies the happiness of man. But even more important than this natural satisfaction, there is the consequent supernatural merit and the increase of our love for God and God's love for us. And that is the sole purpose of our existence—to know, love, and serve God; besides which St. Paul counts all things as dung: "For whom (referring to Christ) I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as dung, that I may gain Christ." (Philippians 3:8)

Gospel Story

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will not wait. We lack the child-like faith. We are devoid of patience and persistence. "Hopeless cases!" we tell ourselves, and go our way.

Suppose the doors to their hearts really are closed so tightly that we can gain no admittance. Remember our shortened sentence—"Though the doors were closed, Jesus came!" We must pray without ceasing, watching for any openings by which we may gain admittance with our message, but keeping our faith in the face of our own failure that though the doors remain closed to us, Jesus will come!

Many a conversion has been

made behind a seemingly closed door. Many a person denied admittance to the conference room with the closed door has nevertheless been instrumental in influencing the decisions made therein. He may have put his ideas across to one who could gain admittance!

Let us pray for all the "closed doors." Let us put across our ideas to one who can gain admittance! Though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" A closed door is but a challenge! Shall we "un from it in despair, or shall we 'stick around as the salesman does' and persist until we sell our product—Catholicism, and salvation?"

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What Our Readers Think

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Converts' Works Interest Others

Converts to Catholicity Post Office Box 61 Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Editor: SINCE publication of the article about "Converts to Catholicity" in your issue of February 15, we have been swamped with letters from almost every state and from several provinces in Canada asking how we are organized, what are our activities, and what re-

sults we are securing, etc.

We believe this avalanche of inquiries proves there has been a need for a long time to organize the Converts in the various parishes and communities so that a systematic method can be followed in distributing Catholic literature to non-Catholics who are not affiliated with any church and to all other sincere inquirers, many of whom are only waiting for an opportunity or invitation to discuss the Catholic faith and learn more about it from authentic sources.

"Converts to Catholicity" also provides Converts with an opportunity to cooperate with each other in a work that enables them to seek together for new Converts. The following is typical of the numerous letters we have received:

"In the Our Sunday Visitor for February 15, I read a resume of the purpose of Converts to Catholicity. The statement, 'It is entirely logical that converts who have been received into the Catholic Church should earnestly and enthusiastically desire to interest others in the Catholic Religion,' is indeed true. I am very eager to share my Faith with others.

I had also read an excerpt from

a letter by V. G. Fullman of your organization in the February 17 Look Magazine.

"I had intended to write to V. G. Fullman for information concerning Converts to Catholicity because the very name is challenging and will, I am sure, inspire many to make a beginning toward the True Faith. I know from experience that had sufficient Catholic literature been put before me heretofore, I would have seen a priest concerning instructions long ago. In other words, it is quite necessary for Catholics to create the feeling among potential Catholics that they are really wanted within their fold.

"It pleased me to see that the Knights of Columbus have begun to publish a series of articles in the American Weekly and other national publications in order to present the Catholic Church to those who may be completely ignorant of the tremendous heritage she possesses.

"I would like to become a member of Converts to Catholicity when I officially become a Catholic next Holy Saturday."

We feel tremendously encouraged by the interest aroused in what we started as a parish organization but which may develop into a national organization.

V. G. Fullman.

Neutrals Toward Christ Draw Reader's Criticism

Editor: THERE is a fine old story about the Irishman who attended a meeting for "Human Rights." The orator of the evening (who was running for office) asked the forensic question: "Is not one man as good as another?" "Yes," shouted Patrick, and a sight better.

So it is today with the popular (though soft-pedalled) thesis of the "common grounders." "Is not one religion as good as another?" the common-grounders ask. And the answer is always "yes, so let us forget about the controversial doctrines—especially the Divinity of Christ—and agree to disagree, so that we can agree to agree on 'Peace,' 'Prosperity,' 'Tolerance' and more and tougher labor-unions."

This is not said directly at the common-ground meetings. The Devil is never direct in his works. It is understood sub-rosa. The works of the Devil are called in our Holy Liturgy, "insidias diaboli" and the book of Genesis tells us that Satan is the "subtler of the beasts of the field."

Even when some Catholics these days in America preach or write in favor of this central doctrine of our Faith—the Divinity of Christ—they are often soft-pedalled. We are told by the compromisers among us (oh, with best of intentions) "You will be misunderstood if you propagate the Divinity of Christ—you will be accused of Anti-semitism." And it is true. The Christian is another Christ, "Christianus alter Christus" and, as Christ was misunderstood when he insisted on His Godhead and was crucified for His insistence, so in Catholic America today there is a school which advocates a soft-pedalling of the "hard sayings" of Christ "because we must not take any chance of being misunderstood."

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In the month of September in the year of 1945, there was created in the city of San Francisco the organization known as "The United Nations." The organization was steered chiefly by notorious Freemasons and by such Marxist freethinkers as Trygve Lie of Norway (Lie was the architect of the Popular Front of Communists and Socialists in Norway, and the man who made himself a partner of the late Leon Trotsky) refused to admit Catholic Ireland, Catholic Spain and Catholic Portugal... but Atheist Russia is a member of the Governing Council.

Now, the representative from Panama... a Catholic, who is stigmatized as "rash" and "imprudent" by our collegiate USA "common-grounders"... this "imprudent" son of the Church introduced a resolution that the United Nations recognize Christ as King. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, delegate from the USA to the United Nations, refused to consider this resolution on the ground that "Christ is irrelevant to the peace of the world."

But, of course, you cannot have Peace at all "without reference to the Divinity of Christ." And

you cannot have Art "without reference to the Divinity of Christ." And you cannot even have "higher wages and shorter hours for the dear workers" without reference to the Divinity of Christ."

A great modern theologian, Rev. J. P. Arendzen of Ware, England, writes in his book, "Whom Do You Say?" (Herder, 1928)

"Whom do you say that I am?" The question presents itself whether we will or no, and demands a precise answer. For nineteen centuries the Catholic Church has been giving the answer to those who are willing to listen: It is the Bible, and of the Bible neither robbed of its true meaning to fit the latest theories of the critics, nor explained away to render it easier of acceptance by the "modern mind" and its crazy aberrations.

Both personal experience and the testimony of those who are sincere and loyal Catholics prove exactly the truth—that the Catholic Church, by defending correct notions about the Person of the true Messiah against those who, sometimes with the best intentions, pervert them, is in actual fact helping us to live freely united with God. This union would be impossible if we had no clear idea who Christ really is.

To say that anyone can live united with God without knowing whether Christ is God or a mere man, is no more reasonable than to say that it is all the same to a mother whether she clasps in her arms the child she has brought into the world, or the doll she used to play with as a little girl.

Only those who are prepared to declare unhesitatingly that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" can attach any real meaning to the words of St. John: "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish but may have life everlasting." This is what the apostles preached, "To the Jews a stumbling block." This is what they sealed with their blood, because what is foolishness in the eyes of men is wisdom with God.

We, Catholics then, have cause to thank God that, in the midst of the uncertainties and hesitations of modern thought, while so many are seeking and, unhappily, failing to find the true God the Church has preserved intact for us the dogma of the divinity of Christ.—David Gordon, P. O. Box 897, New York, N. Y.

The True Cross

The accusation that if all the relics of the True Cross were collected together there would be enough to build a couple of houses, sounds kind of smart in a crude sort of way. Actually however, when measured by fact, it has about the same percentage of truth

as most of the wild statements made by the enemies of religion. Lists of all recorded relics show a total volume of less than 1-16th of the estimated bulk of the True Cross.—Ave Marie.

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Family Life

Catholic Woman's Interests

By Mary E. McGill

Knockers Bump Their Own Heads

ONE day last week a man came to our side entrance. His ring was answered promptly. He had served us in a certain line for some four or five years. Always he had been affable and appreciative of business received; that is, until recent months. Gradually a change had been taking place. The inner trouble burst on his last call.

This Anonymous said to me: "I am making a change in my connections. The service of the company I now represent has not been good for several years. I am tired of the firm. They are no good anyway. Why, do you know Mr. and Mrs. Blank don't even speak to me!"

The Blanks were the President of his firm and his wife. It was difficult to refrain from laughing aloud. But I controlled myself, questioning: "Well, why should you care whether they speak to you? Should you encounter Mr. Blank at your plant he is probably intent on some problem and really does not see you. . . . Not intentionally does he overlook you, but he has many difficulties to meet and overcome. Why look for trouble? And if you call at his house, in line of duty, should his wife not speak, leaving the chore to her maid, why should you care? Wouldn't it be common sense for you to pick up the articles for which you have called and go on your way, singing? You are both human. You both belong to God. Thus you have important matters in common; but otherwise there is no mutual interest."

Sour—Plain Mad!

But the man was sour. He was plain mad, or should I say angry? Worse than that, really. He hated. He seethed with it. He had dark lines under his eyes. He had a yellowed skin. The fact is he looked like he had been carousing. It was plain to any adult onlooker that he had been in bad company. There was much evidence which space will not allow me to exhibit.

The man informed: "I am going with Kinky Kink the first of April. Will you give me your business as you have in the past?"

The reply was: "I have appreciated your service. I have nothing against your present connection, and though I wish you success in your new association, I cannot promise to give you our work. Should anything come up later that would cause us to make a change, I will be glad to remember your new location. But, good friend, may I make some suggestions that should help you stand on more favorable ground?"

Not suspecting the trend of my thoughts, the disgruntled one replied: "Why, of course."

"Well, then, the first suggestion is that you at this moment determine not to knock the firm you are now leaving. No one respects a sour-head, who goes about knocking down everything he has spent years in building up. You have a worm in you. You are a changed man. Oh, how you hate! It is ruining your spirit. You drive God out of your heart. You put in his place the acid of hate. You will drown your manhood in the lava of venom. Honestly, I think the Communists have been stirring you up. According to their way of planning, it appears they have made a good job of messing up your thinking processes. You used to be manly. Leave the firm, if you wish, Lad, but in Heaven's Name don't kill your soul and blackout peace in your life."

Believe it or not, that man looked into my face with released tension. He actually smiled as he used to do. And before he left, he said: "You are right. I have gotten off on the wrong track. And people will not respect me if I go about knocking. Why, I am bumping my own foolish head!" The last glimpse I had of him was an encouraging one. He gathered up the articles for which he had called and left with tears in his eyes. I'll wager one of my hard-earned tens that when he comes tomorrow

he will give our bell a punch with a smile!

Now I do not tell the story in vain—glorious ringing of bells on my tactics. I tell it that you—each of you—may become active workers for the spiritual, social, and economic welfare of your neighbor. Your neighbor is everyone you contact in everyday affairs. Not for a moment would I suggest you use my technique. It might not suit your style. Figuratively speaking, you might even get your own head "knocked." Your way of getting things done is the best way for you, not that of another. But become articulate. Think—Pray—Act. Become Apostles of Peace. Become Workers for Harmony, and strive with all your might to promote understanding between employer and employee, between classes, between friends, and even between enemies. Become peacemakers! For love of God and for love of neighbor, in and for God, labor to promote goodwill. In this way you will become Christian Workers. Quietly you will spend your days doing good. Oh, what a life for God!

The disrupters of our social, economic, and spiritual life in America are working unceasingly to stir up misunderstandings, to create hate, and to destroy brotherly love which springs from love of God. We dare not be indifferent. We invite disaster by lethargy. We show ourselves disinterested in the welfare of others if we do not use our full powers to bring souls to God and to teach them to imitate Christ through daily practice of justice and charity. We have the truth. Let us share it. The atheists teach death to the spirit and they win converts. The shame comes from our torpor.

Sloth is one of the seven capital sins. Spiritual sloth is more deadly than physical sloth. But should we have both we are truly in a fearful state.

Action! Action! Each according to his talent, and as he can best serve, should get busy. Not tomorrow but today—now.



Twelve And After. By Rev. F. H. Drinkwater. The Newman Bookshop, Westminster, Maryland—\$2.25.

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A Retreat With St. Therese by Pere Liagre, C.S.Sp., \$2.00, Cloth;

\$1.00 Paper, the Newman Bookshop, Westminster, Maryland.

This is the first of a planned series of "Sicut Parvuli" handbooks produced by the Association of Priests of St. Therese, of which "Sicut Parvuli" is the quarterly review, informs Father Vernon Johnson in the Foreword of "A Retreat With St. Therese." The book is designed for meditations or for teaching the Saint's Little Way to others. PP 104-105 on "Bearing with others" might well be read by everyone, not once but every day! It is a gem. So admirably did St. Therese succeed in this form of charity that the Religious for whom she felt the greatest antipathy thought she was the Saint's best friend! Twelve chapters comprise the book. Priests and laity will derive from it many aids for growth in simplicity and spirituality.

Michael by Father Owen Francis Dudley, \$3.00, Longmans, Green & Company, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

LARGE numbers of our readers have absorbed in full Father Dudley's other novels, the chief attraction in each being the Masterful Monk. "Michael" is the seventh in the series. It also is "A Tale of the Masterful Monk," and the sub-title to the novel so affirms. According to your taste, and perhaps literary discrimination, you will think Michael the best of the Dudley stories, or you will entertain a contrary opinion. What matters?

Michael is a strong character, and to most, an inscrutable person. But Michael has a personal problem and this he had to work out or else run on the rocks. That he met the Masterful Monk on board a ship bound for New Zealand was a fortunate circumstance for this sharply emotional young man, who was not a neurotic, and assuredly not a mental case as Gabriele (the girl in this love story) as first thought.

But Michael St. Helier did have a psychological issue to meet. He hated war as only a sensitive, high-minded individual could hate. He also hated sham and all forms of superficiality, hence he escaped from his ancestral home, a loved place grown sour under the influence of his step-mother and his "high-hat" father. Father Thornton (the Masterful Monk) had difficulty in winning entrance to Michael's inner sanctuary, but once access was gained, the story moves forward strongly and with growing intensity, culminating, as most readers like, in a beautiful and healing love story.

Gabrielle is a Catholic. Michael is not. She is beautiful; he is miserable. Both on shipboard, Father Thornton manages to have them meet. He calls them the two Archangels! As the story progresses Michael finds the Church offers the cure for his soul problems. He receives the Faith.

This is really a fine novel, with humor, sound psychology, love, and sufficient excitement, and enough mischief-makers to entertain those who seek just that in books, while there is abundant thought provocation for those who see through the novel's subtleties. For it must be understood that Father Dudley's novels are not for a day. His series of seven, and those to follow, if there be others, will live in Catholic narrative literature. Longmans, Green & Company publishes all his books.

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flowers. But be sure you put things together with a dash. She also advises not to cripple the budget; and she suggests independence concerning serving certain expensive "usuals." Take 'em or leave 'em, she challenges. Above all remember to give a party because you want to. Then it will be a happy occasion. And she tells you how to give different kinds of parties. You'll want this gay hospitality book.

For those with rheumatism and similar ailments Hobby Book Mart offers "New Hope for Arthritis Sufferers." It is by Max Warmbrand, Ph. T., with introduction by Harry Sackren, M.D., (\$2.50). If you have the aches that derive from rheumatism, sciatica, neuritis, bursitis, lumbago, sacro-iliac pain, and other kindred disorders, you will find the discussions by this experienced physical therapist who, Dr. Sackren states, is well-known in the field of healing, full of information you really want. The author estimates 7,000,000 people in this country suffer from arthritis in one form or another. Take for example, young people's growing pains and older people's multiple aches.

Inflation Is Coming, by Ralph Borsodi, \$1.00. Research Division of the School of Living, Dept. OSV—239 Great Neck Road, Great Neck 51, N. Y.

The other day an anxious mother in Minnesota wrote me questioning: "Do you believe my son and his wife are wise to plan to live on a small farm they have purchased? Would that be a safe place should inflation produce a deflation? He had money to pay for it."

A farm-lover such as your woman editor is hastened to reply: "Read Ralph Borsodi's 'Inflation Is Coming!' Take your cue from him. Then do not interfere with your son's plans. Rejoice that he has such a level-head and a wife fully cooperative in his foresighted getting ready for days ahead." Personally, I do not believe we are going to have a depression

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Life Of John Francis Noll, Fifth Bishop Of Ft. Wayne

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(Continued from last week)

Adult instruction was always regarded by Father Noll as a great need. To that end he ordered, from Father Price, then Chaplain at an orphanage at Raleigh, North Carolina, and later co-founder with Father Walsh, of the Maryknoll Fathers and Sisters, a bundle of the magazine *Truth*. Removing the cover he substituted one of his own, namely, *The Parish Monthly*, and to it he added four or eight pages of parish notes, and spiritual exhortations, for distribution among all his people every month.

Later he asked Father Price to send his thirty-two page magazine separate from the cover. That priest was curious to know just why this was being done. After Father Noll apprised him of his plan, Father Price circularized the clergy of the country to recommend the idea to others. But after one year Father Noll, to whom editorial work appealed greatly, began to produce a magazine of his own (first a sixteen page and then a thirty-two page), which the neighboring pastors of Muncie, Marion, Union City, Alexandria, decided they too would like to have.

Sample copies of *The Parish Monthly* were then sent by Father Noll to pastors of large parishes in many dioceses with a note to the effect that it would be very easy for them to produce, and from local advertisements to pay for, a parish magazine bound to do incalculable good if it reached every home in the parish. It was not long before more than 200 parishes began to purchase the thirty-two page "patent inside," edited by Father Noll, and to circulate it among their people under whatever name they cared to call it. The cost of the "insert," as well as of the local issue, was covered by the advertisements of local merchants, which appeared on the inside and two back covers, as well as on whatever pages they cared to add.

This was in the year 1908, and that magazine is still flourishing after forty years. About ten years ago the name was changed from *The Parish Monthly* to *The Family Monthly*, because individuals in various parts of the country, who had seen it, wished to have it. Locally pastors who distributed it among their people retained the name by which they had been wont to call it.

Then three years ago it was decided, by *Our Sunday Visitor*, to change the format from its larger size to the present-day "digest" size, and to increase the number of pages from thirty-two to forty-eight. Since that time the same magazine has been called *The Family Digest*, which at the present time has a circulation of more than 100,000 copies.

This forty-eight page "Insert" is still used for full-coverage parish distribution, bearing a parish title.

Many pastors who purchased the "Insert" also preferred to have their local copy printed at Hartford City, so that they could receive by express the completed magazine. This entailed a great deal of work, and the two Hartford City printing-shops were unable to handle all of it, particularly since most pastors wanted the magazine for distribution on the first Sunday of the month, with the eight or sixteen or more pages of local matter added to the "body" of the work. Some of the printing was, therefore, carried to a large Muncie publisher.

Through this publication and the booklet "Kind Words from Your Pastor," written at Besancon, Father Noll's name had become familiar to priests throughout the United States, which made it quite easy for him later to obtain patronage for *Our Sunday Visitor*, after the pastor of Hartford City was transferred to St. Mary's, Huntington, on July 10, 1910.

The first problem of the priest at Huntington was to provide for the continuance of the printers' service to the priest-patrons of his *Parish Monthly*. It was necessary, for some time, to have the Muncie and Hartford City printers serve the clergy, but immediate steps were taken to transfer some of the work to printing-shops in his new place of residence.

During the four years of his pastorate at Hartford City Father Noll had charge of the Montpelier Mission, and said Mass at both places every Sunday and Holyday. They were ten miles apart, but connected by an interurban line. On one Sunday he had the first Mass at Hartford City and the second at Montpelier, and the next Sunday reversed this order.

Father Noll was succeeded at Hartford City by the Rev. John Keller, now deceased, who had been pastor of the

Immaculate Conception Parish at Kendallville, where Father Noll also served for four years.

After the oil fields around Montpelier played out, many former parishioners, working in that field, moved first to Robinson, Illinois, and then to Tulsa, Oklahoma—both new oil territory. The Church built by Father Dhe at the south-east edge of Montpelier crumbled because of dynamite blastings of oil wells in the neighborhood. But it was replaced a few years ago by a beautiful edifice in the heart of the town.

Later the Montpelier parish was transferred as a mission to Bluffton, and since it is now located in the new Diocese of Lafayette, Bishop Bennett attached it to Gas City.

Christian Brothers' General To Visit U. S. For 100th Jubilee

Washington, D. C., March 29.—(NC)—Brother Athanase Emile, Superior General of the Christian Brothers, will come to this country from Rome for a month's tour to take part in ceremonies belatedly celebrating the Brothers' centenary in the United States. He will be the second General in the 268-year history of the Brothers to visit America.

The General will arrive in New York, April 20. He will be accompanied by Brother Merry Alphonse, Assistant Secretary General, and Brother Eliphus Victor, Assistant General for the U.S. and the Philippines. They will visit all five of the Brothers' U.S. provinces.

First permanent establishment of the Brothers in the United States was in Baltimore in September, 1945—the old Calvert Hall College. War conditions in 1945 forced postponement of its 100th jubilee observance until now.

There had been a previous attempt by the Brothers to found schools in this country. That was in 1816 when Bishop William Dubourg of Louisiana and the Floridas, brought three Christian Brothers from France to work in his vast territory. The project was short-lived.

From Baltimore, the Brothers spread their establishments to all parts of the country. Today their five provinces are: New York, St. Louis, Baltimore, San Francisco and Santa Fe-New Orleans. They have 103 community houses; 1,626 Brothers with vows; 201 scholastics and 111 junior novices. They teach 45,353 students, 22,725 of whom are in tuition-free schools.

Arrival of the Brother General and his aides in the United States will inaugurate a series of celebrations which will extend until May 26 when they will leave to

visit the three Christian Brothers' provinces in Canada before the return trip to Rome.

Their Eminences Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, and Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, more than a dozen Archbishops and Bishops of the U.S., as well as Governors, U.S. Senators, Mayors and other dignitaries, will be among the principal participants in the coast-to-coast round of ceremonies.

Brother General Athanase Emile will receive honorary degrees from Manhattan College, New York, and La Salle College, Philadelphia, during his U.S. tour.

'Fr. Barberi' Book Club Choice

New York, March 29.—(NC)—"Father Dominic Barberi," by Denis Gwynn, has been announced as the current selection of the Catholic Book Club. The volume deals with the life of the one-time Italian farmer, who in his late years went to England as a missionary and received Cardinal John Henry Newman into the Church.

DOMINICAN GENERAL IS HONORED



Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington (right) and Chancellor of the Catholic University of America confers the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., of Rome, Master General of the Dominican Order, at ceremonies in McMahon Hall, Catholic University, as the Rt. Rev. Magr. Patrick J. McCormick, rector of the University looks on. Father Suarez is the 80th successor of St. Dominic. (NC Photos)

Building Wave In Next Decade Is Forecast

Collegeville, Ind.—The greatest wave of church, school and institutional construction and remodeling in all history will take place in the United States during the next decade.

The statement was made today by the Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, president of the college of St. Joseph's of Indiana, sponsors of the National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition to be held in Chicago at the Stevens Hotel June 30, July 1, 2 and 3.

The business and industry foundation of the college is conducting a broad scale survey among Catholic pastors, religious superiors and college officials. Returns to date cover only 309 organizations, all planning building and remodeling projects for execution within the next three years. Value of these projects exceed \$100,000,000, not including decorating, furnishings and equipment.

Previously the greatest wave of church construction occurred in the century between 1170 and 1270, Father Lucks said. In that time in France 80 cathedrals and approximately 500 cathedral-class churches were built at a cost equivalent to about \$3,000,000,000 today.

"Catholic parochial and institutional building has, of course, been at a virtual standstill during and since the war," Father Lucks said. "The accumulated backlog in churches, schools, convents, rectories, recreation centers, hospitals, college buildings, homes and other types of construction is at an all-time high. As rapidly as materials and labor become available we will see hundreds of new Catholic buildings erected throughout the nation."

Leading authorities in the building, furnishing and equipment industries will be at the National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition, of which His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, is honorary chairman. Building field specialists will meet with some 5,000 pastors, religious superiors, college officials and architects from all parts of the United States and Canada.

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"We are extending a cordial invitation to pastors, religious superiors, college officials and architects to attend," Father Lucks explained. "The hierarchy from coast to coast has acclaimed the convention and exposition as one of the most necessary and helpful steps ever taken to bring all Catholic building interests together for intensive discussion of problems."

A preliminary survey to determine attendance indicates that potential builders representing each of the 118 dioceses of the Catholic church will be present for the convention and exposition.

Patients In France Given 3-Year Relaxation Of Eucharistic Fast

Paris, Mar. 29.—(NC)—A three-year relaxation of the Eucharistic fast has been granted by the Holy Father to French hospital attendants and patients and other sick people. The dispensation had been petitioned by His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, after a survey indicated that a large number of patients desired to receive Communion more frequently.

The new dispensation gives those covered by it three privileges:

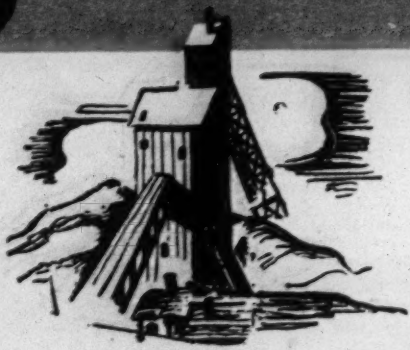
(1) On Sundays and holy days of obligation hospital patients and other sick may receive Holy Communion anytime during the day provided they have observed a three-hour fast.

(2) Hospital attendants may take food and beverage, excluding alcoholic beverages, while on night duty and still receive Communion on Sunday mornings provided they observe a four-hour fast.

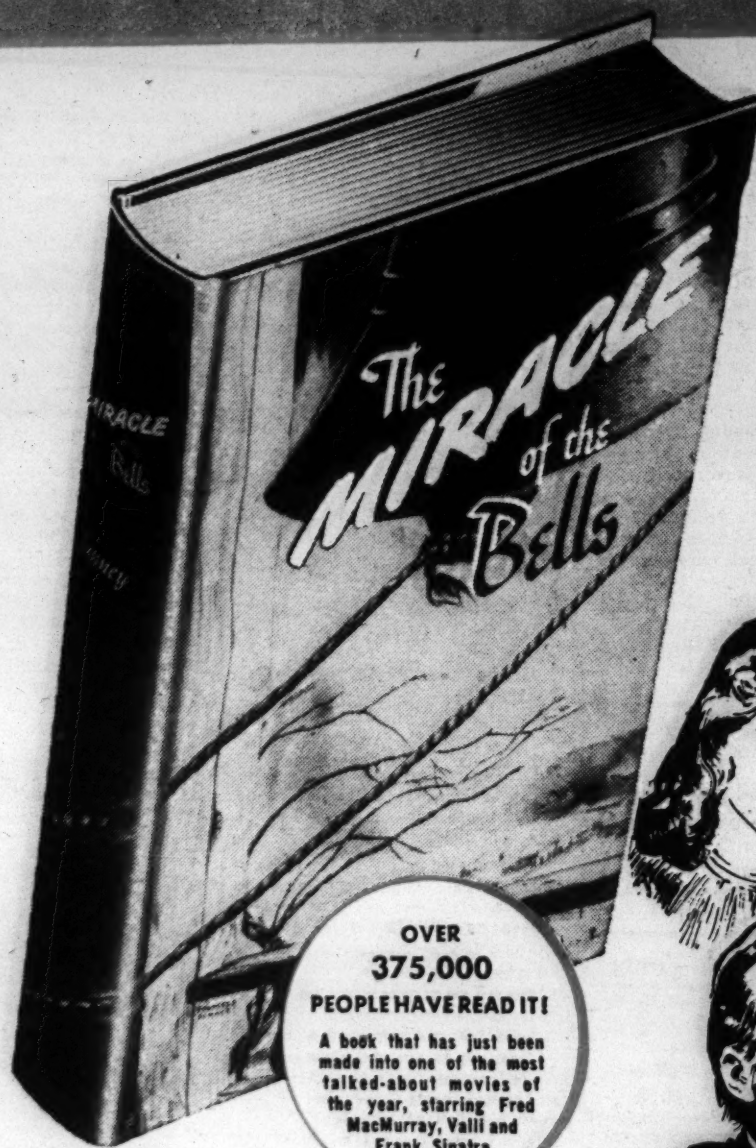
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Theatre Guild Try Outs Set For April 6

Radio Workshop To
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South Bend, Ind. — Try-outs for "The Family Upstairs," Broadway comedy success by Harry Delf, will be held by the Catholic Theatre Guild at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, at St. Patrick's School Hall, 308 South Scott Street.

The play, which is scheduled for production in May, will be directed by Dr. Leonard Sommer of the Department of Speech at Notre Dame. Dr. Sommer has had wide experience in amateur theatricals, having directed more than 50 little theatre plays.

The scene for "The Family Upstairs" is laid in the typically American home of the Hellers. The plot deals with the trials and troubles of Louise Heller and her boy friend, Charles Grant, with their families. Other principal characters are Joe Heller, the father, who is a bus inspector; Mrs. Heller, his overly-imaginative wife; Willie, their son who avoids work; Annabella, the meddlesome youngest daughter; and Mrs. Grant, Charles' mother, who is just as much a bluffer as Mrs. Heller. There are also several supporting roles, including that of another suitor of Louise's.

The Radio Workshop organized recently under the auspices of Guild is preparing to make its radio debut over Station WHOT, South Bend, the middle of April. Mrs. Dennis Mallory, director of the Workshop, and her committee have voice typed more than sixty persons who have registered for the workshop. Scripts are being assembled and rehearsals for the first radio play will be announced at the Guild meeting on April 6.

NCCW Delivers Millionth Pound Of Clothing

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teer workers in foreign lands. Expanding on this feature of the program's operation, Mrs. Mannix related that WRS-N.C.W.C. has not flooded European countries with American supervisors. Instead local Catholic charitable organizations have been revitalized and drawn into the program, enabling distribution to be carried out at the least possible expense.

Monsignor Swanstrom stressed the continuing need in many quarters of the globe, and quoted from a report recently received from the priest-director of the Cologne office of Caritas, which points out that expectant mothers do not know how to provide even the basic necessities for their babies.

"The child itself is welcome," the report says, "but the prospect that there is no means of providing the necessities of life for it casts doubt upon the Providence of God Himself, and not infrequently leads to the temptation to extinguish the new life before it has fully developed."

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Senior CYO Footlight Guild To Present 'What A Life' At St. Patrick Lyceum April 2, 3, 4

Fort Wayne.—School daze, school daze, are here again for the cast of the newly organized City Senior CYO Footlight Guild. The opening performance of the new Drama Club will be Clifford Goldsmith's, "What A Life." The comedy in three acts, will be presented at St. Patrick's Lyceum on April 2, 3 and 4. A special performance, April 2, will be for grade school children. April 3, 4, will be open to the public. Curtain time 8:30 p. m.

"What A Life," is based on high school boys and girls, especially a certain student named Henry Aldrich, who is constantly getting into everyone's hair. Henry does everything he is not supposed to do, consequently finds himself in Mr. Bradley's office, (the school principal). Complications arise when he is faced with the threat of dismissal from school, arrest for stealing the school band instruments; and lastly he must face his mother.

The play, directed by Shirley Wayne and Ed Reich of Radio station WOWO, incorporates the talents of both directors, who have had considerable experience in stage work and dramatics.

Bill Erb, (Henry Aldrich) shows the talents of a fine actor, who has had experience with the armed forces theatre guild overseas.

Jim Voors (Mr. Bradley) is well cast for his role of the dignified principal of Centerville High School. Jim has several years of announcing work behind him for the local radio stations. He is now with WFTW.

JoEllen Shanley, (Miss Shea) does a very good job of taking the part of the secretary for Mr. Bradley.

Joe Kuyoth, (George Bigelow) is Henry's best friend but when anything happens George always blames Henry.

GeorgAnn Shanley, (Barbara Pearson), the girl Henry plans to take to the dance. But—

Joe Weingartner, (Mr. Patterson), the history teacher, and very quick tempered.

Joan Noll, (Gertie), the quick selling ticket girl of the high school.

Doris Leon, (Miss Wheeler), the high strung music teacher who is perplexed about the stolen instruments.

Bob Sullivan, (Bill), who is always getting lost.

Jim Weber (Mr. Vechitto), the

little Italian man who is looking for his daughter.

Marie Meyer, (Miss Eggleston) one of Henry's teachers who is at her wits end.

Thelma Barbeau, (Mrs. Aldrich), who cannot understand why her boy is always in the principal's office.

Bob Voode, (Mr. Ferguson) the cop from headquarters.

Jeanette Wolf (Miss Pike), Mary Becker, (Miss Johnson) two teachers who are running all around the school.

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States Faithful Must Awake To Their Mission

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of His doctrine, for the safeguarding of so many simple, incautious souls whose faith might be shaken by these calumnies," Pope Pius said, "she loves also her detractors, who also are her children, and she invites them all. We now invite you all, O people of Rome, O people of the world, to the union, to the harmony, to the love, to the thoughts of a just peace."

His Holiness said Rome "now finds itself before, or better say in the midst of, changing times which demand of the head and members of Christianity the maximum vigilance and tireless readiness for unconditioned action."

He said the conscience of Christianity, if aroused to the full appreciation of its responsibility, may see the realization of Our Saviour's promise "have faith, I have conquered the world," but that, only half-aroused, that conscience may hear Christ's "terrible verdict": "He who is not with Me is against Me."

'Greatest Story' Gets High Radio Rating

New York, March 26.—(NC)—A dramatic presentation of the teachings of Christ, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," tops 49 other evening shows in listener audience according to a recent Nielson rating, the American Broadcasting Company, over whose network the program is broadcast every Sunday evening, announced.

The poll also indicates that the

program rates higher than 57% of all sponsored radio shows on the air, ABC states. Its executive producer is Fulton Oursler, convert and an editor of Reader's Digest.

Pope Pius XII Honors Bro. Angelus On 60th Jubilee

Notre Dame — A congratulatory cablegram conveying the blessings of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, featured the celebration on March 19 by Brother Angelus Dolan, C. S.C., former Guestmaster at the University of Notre Dame, of the 60th anniversary of his Final Profession in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Brother Angelus, 86 years old and the oldest living Brother in the American Province of Brothers of Holy Cross, was congratulated by the Holy Father on his devotion and faithful service to the various positions he has held during his career. Presentation of the telegram was made by the Rev. Albert F. Cousineau, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, at a banquet in honor of Brother Angelus at the Community House on the Notre Dame campus.

St. Jude's Rosary Sodality To Hear Interior Decorator

Fort Wayne — Mrs. E. C. Cavanaugh interior decorator of Earl Groth & Co., will address the meeting of St. Jude's Rosary Sodality on Monday, April 5, at 8 p.m. She will demonstrate her talk "Color Harmony In The Home" by using drapery materials, carpeting, slip-cover fabrics, etc., and a discussion will follow covering the personal decorating problems of the group.

A shrine of "Our Lady of Fa-

Annual Acies Of Curias Set For April 5

Fort Wayne—The Fort Wayne Curia, Legion of Mary, will hold its annual acies ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, at St. Patrick's Church. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Hoerstman will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Robert Zahn, the Rev. Eugene Zimmerman and the Rev. John Daniels.

Praesidia from St. Andrew's, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Paul's, St. Patrick's, and the junior praesidia of Central Catholic High School will participate. All active and auxiliary members are requested to attend.

The Praesidium Our Lady, Queen of Peace of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Huntington, will hold its acies ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4.

time" will also be displayed at the meeting. Music will be provided by the Misses Rita Hasley and Sally Purdy students of the music department of St. Jude's School. A social hour will follow the talk.

Mrs. A. L. Hamrick, president, will preside at the business session and the Rev. Charles F. Gerardot, pastor, will also address the ladies.

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Legion Of Mary Acies April 4 In Whiting

Rev. Cornelius Bergan
To Give Address;
Consecration Featured

Whiting — Sunday, April 4, will be a red letter day for all members of the Legion of Mary in Lake County. They will assemble at 3 p.m. in St. John the Baptist church in Whiting to participate in a Consecration to Our Blessed Lady.

The Consecration is held annually on the feast of the Annunciation or as near that feast as possible, and is called the Acies. This Latin word, meaning an army in battle array, is appropriate to a ceremony in which the Legionaries assemble to renew their fidelity to Mary, Queen of the Legion, and from her to receive strength and blessing for another year's battle with the forces of evil.

The Acies is the solemn declaration of the essential idea of the Legion, that of working in union with and in dependence on Mary.

In previous years, Legionaries from Lake County attended the Acies in Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Our Blessed Lady has smiled on the efforts of her Legion here and helped it grow in such numbers that the six local Praesidia (groups) have formed their own Curia (governing body) and now for the first time the Acies will be held in Lake County.

At the ceremony the Rosary and Legion Prayers will be led by the Rev. Herbert Eberman, C.P.P.S., of St. John's. The Rev. Cornelius Bergan, of St. Joseph's in Hammond, Spiritual Director of the Curia, will speak on "The Legionary Promise." Then all Legionaries will go up, in pairs, to the statue of the Immaculate Conception, where each, placing his or her hand on the Legion Standard, will say an individual Act of Consecration.

Solemn Benediction will be celebrated by the Rev. Paul Roederer, of St. John, Ind., assisted by the Rev. Louis Duray, of Sacred Heart church in East Chicago, as Deacon, and the Rev. Paul Miller, of St. Mary's church in East Chicago, as Subdeacon. Following the Benediction, the Concluding Prayers of

Invitational Tourney Winners



The South Bend Catholic High School Alumni Association Grade School invitational tourney champions are: Kneeling, Don Sroda, Mgr. First row, left to right: Gerry Dewey, Alex Szabo, Don Miller, Mickey Nyikos, Steve Balha, Frank Glon, and Dick Nyikos; Second row, left to right: Coach John Papai, Ray Hoffman, John Bauers, Don Bankowski, Julius Bauers, Emery Molnar and Coach Bill Horvath. Absent when the picture was taken were Mike Mondovils and Bill Molnar.

the Legion will be recited and a hymn sung.

All members of the Legion, active and auxiliary, in fact, all who love Our Blessed Lady, are most welcome to attend this ceremony. At this time of particular peril for religion, our little Legion army wants to stand united in prayer with our leader Mary, the Virgin Most Powerful.

South Bend Student Writes Article For YCS Magazine

South Bend — The current issue of Concord, a magazine published by a national staff of Young Christian Students, features an article on "Credit Unions," which describes a plan whereby needy college students may obtain loans at a rate of interest as low as one half of one per cent per month.

Charles Terry Dooley, 402 Peashway, South Bend, Ind., the author of the article, explains a credit association founded by students of St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., a cooperative loan association which provides short-time loans for student members. The author, a student of philosophy at St. John's University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dooley, South Bend, Ind.

St. Vincent De Paul Society Fetes Children At Irene Byron

Fort Wayne — A group of officers and members of St. Jude's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society sponsored their fourth annual Easter party for children at the Irene Byron Sanatorium.

The program included the distribution of Easter baskets and the presentation of movie pictures. All children of the institution were feted.

The conference is comprised of men of St. Jude's Parish who have chosen the Irene Byron Easter party as one of several charity projects they sponsor each year.

N. D. Football Stars At Sportsman Show

Fort Wayne — Three members of the 1947 National Championship Notre Dame University football team attended the Second Annual Sportsman Show at the National Guard Armory here on Wednesday evening, March 31. They were Capt. Bill Fischer, left half-back Terry Brennan and right half-back Emil Sitko.

The show, sponsored by the Fort Wayne Junior Chamber of Commerce, opened Tuesday, March 30, and will run through Sunday, April 4. Doors will open daily from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On The Shelf

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Apologia Pro Vita Sua—John Henry Cardinal Newman.

Accused by his friends of falsehoods and insincerity in accepting the Catholic Faith, Newman's reaction was quick; it produced this great and strongly founded book which is standing stronger after so many years, in its amazing achievement—the approach of one mind towards the Catholic Church.

The Glory of Thy People—Father M. Raphael Simon.

The spiritual autobiography of a Jewish psychiatrist, converted to the Catholic Faith who left a successful practice to become a Monk of the Order of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance, Abbey of Our Lady of the Valley.

Along a Little Way—Frances Parkinson Keyes.

Of her journey into the Catholic Church, Mrs. Keyes writes: "This unpretentious account of the many small steps which quietly led over a period of years to this great step was written with considerable hesitation. We instinctively refrain from sharing except with our nearest and dearest the revelation of a transfiguring religious experience." Feeling as Cardinal Newman did when he wrote his Apologia Pro Vita Sua, Mrs. Keyes followed his foot-steps "Along a Little Way."

The Faith of Millions—Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., L.L.D.

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Through Hundred Gates—Severin and Stephen Lamping, O.F.M.

Brief sketches of noted converts from 22 lands including Sigrid Undset, Haakon Bergwitz, Augustine J. Roth, Shinjiro S. Yamamoto, Knute Rockne.

Now I See—Arnold Lunn.

As a new convert, Mr. Lunn has lived in the forefront of religious controversy for many years. This is a serious book sometimes scandalously amusing and never dull.

The Divine Pursuit—Rachel Maria.

A most unusual convert story, one that thrillingly portrays the long pursuit of the Russian Jewess by the Divine Hunter of souls.

Library hours—2 until 5 every afternoon; 6:30 to 8:00 Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Fr. Rooney, S.J., To Conduct C.C. Retreat, April 7-8

Fort Wayne—The Rev. Richard Rooney, S.J., of the Queen's Work at St. Louis, Mo., will serve as retreatmaster for the annual retreat of students of Central Catholic High School, April 5-8.

Freshmen and sophomores will have their retreat April 5 and 6 and juniors and seniors April 7 and 8. Each day of the retreat begins with celebration of Holy Mass and includes three conferences. Between conferences the retreatmaster and priests of the faculty will be available for confession and consultation.

Father Rooney is nationally known as a leader in Catholic Youth activities. His articles on Catholic character appear in the Queen's Work, national sodality publication.

St. Stephen Grade School Team Wins Invitational

Tourney Sponsored By
South Bend Catholic
High Alumni Assn.

South Bend—The South Bend Catholic High School Alumni Association recently sponsored an invitational basketball tournament for the city Catholic grade schools in the South Bend Catholic High School gym. The schools accepting were: St. Adalbert, St. Casimir, St. Hedwige, Holy Cross, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Hungary, St. Patrick and St. Stephen. The St. Stephen team emerged as victor.

The first round pairings and scores were as follows: St. Casimir 21, St. Patrick 28; Our Lady of Hungary 13, Holy Cross 32; St. Adalbert 29, St. Hedwige 12; St. Joseph 20, St. Stephens 33.

In the semi-finals results were: St. Patrick 19, Holy Cross 31; St. Adalbert 24, St. Stephens 27.

In the consolation game St. Patrick defeated St. Adalbert, 28 to 27 in a double overtime. In the championship game St. Stephens defeated Holy Cross 28 to 20. Trophies for the tournament were donated by the South Bend Catholic High School Alumni Association and a first place traveling trophy by the West Side Sport Shop.

Students To Take Part In Humane Act Competition

Fort Wayne—Pupils of the Fort Wayne Catholic schools as well as those of public and Lutheran schools have been invited to participate in the annual Humane Act Award competition being sponsored by the Fort Wayne Humane Society in co-operation with the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The American Veterinary Medical Association will make an award of \$100 to the child, who in the opinion of the judges, performed the most outstanding humane act during the last year.

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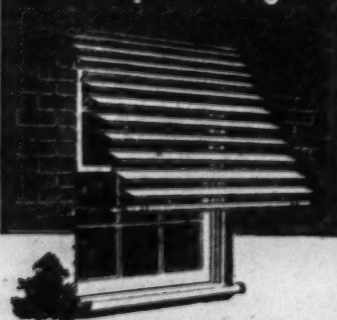
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